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1. 2019

1.1 December

Why Would Anyone Vote for a Democrat for President? (2019-12-12 00:55)

Why Would Anyone Vote for a Democrat for President?

It's a serious question. Other than hating

Donald Trump, why would anyone vote for any of the Democratic candidates for president of the United States? They've given us precious few reasons to support them and plenty of reasons to conclude that they shouldn't be given any political power – much less the presidency.

Here are just a few:

1. Their policy proposals would be fiscal and social disasters. The "Medicare for All" espoused by Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren is projected to cost anywhere from \$30 to \$50 trillion. That's already an insane amount of money. What's worse is that we have an abysmal record projecting the actual costs of social programs. When Medicare was passed in 1965, it was projected to cost \$12 billion by 1990; the actual cost in 1990 was \$90 billion. In 2018, the federal government spent \$582 billion on Medicare. Spending on Medicaid in its first year (also 1965) was projected at \$238 million; the actual cost was over \$1 billion. Spending on Medicaid in fiscal year 2017 was \$557 billion. Our ability to prognosticate hasn't improved in the past 50 years; projections for the 2009 Affordable Care Act were appallingly inaccurate. So you can probably safely double or even triple that single-payer health care estimate. The system would be bankrupt in short order – and would take the quality of health care down with it.
2. Democrats are often accused of supporting regulations that cripple businesses. But this crop of candidates goes even further, promising to destroy entire industries. Sen. Elizabeth Warren – who has never made a payroll in her life – blithely announced that she'd make private insurance illegal, shuttering tens of thousands of American companies and putting millions of people out of work.
3. Warren isn't the only Democrat who threatens "like a dockside bully." Consider Sen. Kamala Harris' recent statements that she would "snatch" patents away from companies that won't put in price controls she wants. How many life-saving drugs has Sen. Harris developed? None. How many patents has she applied for and received? None.
4. They favor oppressive government. Michael Bloomberg – a man who should know better – has advocated for taxing the poor – for their own good, of course. Bloomberg also said with a straight face that the communist government of China listens to the public and that President Xi Jinping "is not a dictator." (Tell that to the Hong Kong protesters, the untold numbers of women subjected to forced abortions or the Uighur Muslims in re-education camps.) That tells you plenty about what President Bloomberg would view as being "responsive" to the American people.
5. They are willing to shred the Constitution when it suits their purposes. Examples of this are legion including:
 - They oppose religious liberties – including conscience protection. Former Rep. Beto O'Rourke argued that

churches that do not accept his views on human sexuality, marriage and family should lose their tax-exempt status as charities.

– Nor are they defenders of other First Amendment protections – at least for conservatives. When Republicans or Christians bring suits to defend their freedom of speech, Democrats – even on the Supreme Court – now call that "weaponizing the First Amendment."

– They want to abolish the Second Amendment.

– With their candidate (Hillary Clinton) having lost in 2016, Democrats are all-in to eliminate the Electoral College, which – like the structure of the U.S. Senate – was structured to provide a meaningful voice to states with smaller populations. Both Hillary Clinton and Al Gore (in 2000) won the so-called popular vote by getting a large number of votes in California. But California doesn't get to elect the president.

6. They have no respect for the presumption of innocence, the rule of law or the integrity of the legal process. We saw this in the appalling behavior of Democratic senators (Dianne Feinstein, Cory Booker and Kamala Harris) during the confirmation hearings of Associate Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. But the abuse of process since Donald Trump entered the presidential race (and won) has been even worse. Having failed with the Robert Mueller investigation on "collusion" with Russia, Democrats are now trying to impeach Trump for a phone conversation he had with the president of Ukraine.

Under President Trump, we have seen record-low unemployment including among Hispanics and African Americans; consistent job creation; reform of Veterans Affairs; a new federal ban on animal cruelty; criminal justice reform; a new North American trade deal; and no new wars.

What makes Trump such a successful president? It's a simple point that goes right to the heart of the system of American governance: Trump trusts that most Americans can run their own lives, their families, their businesses, their schools and their communities. In other words, he does not (and did not) see it as his role to walk into the White House and "fundamentally transform" the country.

Democrats, on the other hand – with almost zero experience starting, growing or operating any enterprise of any size; no experience with meeting the needs of customers, patrons or patients; no experience making payroll – are certain that they can come in and run a country of 330 million people.

We don't have to speculate about their failures; we need only look at the places they do control to see how successful they've been. Detroit, Baltimore, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans: What do citizens of those cities (and states) enjoy? Corruption. High taxes. Bankrupt governments and underfunded state pensions. Population loss. Gun violence and other crime. Homelessness. Filth and rodent infestation. Streets filled with used hypodermic needles and human feces.

Tell me again. Why would you vote for that?

Bronycon shut down in 2019 (2019-12-14 13:16)

It wasn't the most memorable episode. It was partway into the show's second season, and the story was about a young pony desperate to have some special talent who learns that good things come to those who wait. The show always offers a lesson.

Early in his last year of high school, Gardiner was going through a rough patch. A fan of routine, he was now applying

to university, approaching the moment when he would graduate and everything would change.

"I grew up in North Van, both my parents have degrees, everyone from my high school went to university. It was one of those high schools," he said. "It was just very stressful."

So on a dull Thursday night, Gardiner turned to something completely different. My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic — the full title of the current series — was happy and colourful and upbeat. He watched an episode, and then another, and then a couple more. "And I just kind of got hooked from there."

It became a new routine. He'd get up early on Saturday mornings to watch new episodes and dissect them in real time on internet forums with a growing online community of the show's adult fans. Because the program aired in the U.S. months before coming to Canada, he would sometimes just be watching a livestream from a webcam pointed at someone's TV south of the border.

Bronies listen attentively to Andrea Libman (image on screen), voice actor for Pinky Pie on the My Little Pony television cartoon show, at the Brony Expo held at West Edmonton Mall's Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton on July 5, 2014.

Larry Wong / Edmonton Journal Bronies — a portmanteau of "bro" and "ponies" that refers to the mostly male adult fans of American toy company Hasbro's latest reincarnation of My Little Pony — emerged as a strange phenomenon in the first years after the show began. What started as a largely online community quickly broke through into the real world as fans organized conventions and began making and selling artwork and toys based on the show. The largest brony convention, BronyCon, exploded from just 100 guests in June 2011 to more than 10,000 in Baltimore in the summer of 2015.

In those early years, the fandom's visibility was sustained by a barrage of media coverage that ranged in tone from curiosity to alarm. "Is this the end of American manhood?" [1]cried the American Conservative in 2014.

Eight years after Friendship Is Magic premiered on Oct. 10, 2010 (10-10-10, for those in the know), the show still seems to fill a prominent role in Gardiner's life. The living room of his East Vancouver apartment features a glass display case filled with My Little Pony plushies and plastic figurines. There's a poster of the main pony characters on his wall, signed by most of the series' principal voice actors. He can still spend several hours a week watching old episodes, or letting them play in the background.

For 7 amazing years, this fandom has come together to help us host an amazing event. Next year will be our last BronyCon. Join us for a 4-day party, August 1-4, 2019 in Baltimore! Visit [2]<https://t.co/k6aY1p950o>

— BronyCon (@BronyCon) [3]July 29, 2018

But the brony fandom is now shrinking almost as fast as it grew and conventions, including BronyCon, are shutting down. Eight years in, the novelty seems to have worn off. It's also widely believed the show's next season will be its last, and the future beyond that is uncertain.

Now 24 years old, Gardiner doesn't get up early on Saturdays anymore. He recently finished his master's degree and has started a new job. He feels more stable. He used to be able to name every episode of every season, but not anymore. And if he just stumbled onto the show now, he said, he's not sure he'd become a fan.

"I think it's become more of an entertainment product than a lifestyle. I definitely watch it for fun versus as an escape," he said. "I'm, like, trying to get into real life now."

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A lot of bronies tell versions of the same story. They didn't intend to like My Little Pony. They started watching to make fun of it, and then they kept watching. And kept watching.

At the centre of this phenomenon is 4chan, the murky online imageboard that thrives on anonymity. The first posts about My Little Pony appeared on 4chan in the days after the show launched, as did the term "brony." As the legend goes, what started as a joke swiftly turned earnest, and the volume of pony content on 4chan quickly became so overwhelming that one moderator tried to ban it altogether. So the bronies went elsewhere, creating their own

internet forums and online communities.

Afion, a Vancouver brony who spoke to the National Post on the condition it refer to him by the name of his My Little Pony character (many bronies create their own original characters, which become the identities by which they know each other online), was one of those early 4chan converts. At first, he found the show “really, really cheesy,” he said. Then he found himself liking the writing and the characters. About six episodes in, he realized he was watching it “unironically.”

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— BronyCon (@BronyCon) [6]August 13, 2018

[7]Informal surveys suggest that at the peak of the fandom in 2014, bronies were at least 80 per cent male and 75 per cent single, mostly in their teens and 20s and living with their parents, and overwhelmingly white and straight. Some bronies say the community also attracted a large number of people with disabilities, especially autism. Many, like Gardiner, say the show makes them feel happy and comforted.

Bronies often identify with one character, especially from among the six main ponies, all female, with distinct personalities and foibles: Fluttershy is timid, Rarity is a drama queen, and so on. From the start, there was speculation that the interest from young men was primarily sexual — and that’s certainly part of it for some, as is clear from the huge volume of sexually explicit online artwork and stories. Tabatha Hughes, a 27-year-old former chair of Canada’s sole brony convention, BronyCAN, said some bronies come to see the show as a kind of caretaker. “If someone’s a very important part of your life and they’ve shown you kindness, sometimes people will interpret that as sexual desire and romantic feeling,” she said. “So I think that kind of happened with ponies.” But that’s not at the core of the fandom, she insisted. Most bronies really just like the show.

Still, if it was the show that attracted young adult fans, it was the community that kept them. “I probably would have only lasted maybe not even till the third season if it was just about myself,” said Afion. “It was mostly because of the friends.”

In the show’s heyday, that community grew like wildfire. Gardiner can remember a time when the main My Little Pony discussion page on internet forum reddit was gaining thousands of subscribers each week. Increasingly, he said, this is what the fans of many popular shows want — not just to passively watch, but to feel like they’re part of something, too. “Engaged viewership,” he called it. “It’s the idea that big series like Game of Thrones, people don’t just watch it and then go away. They watch it and then they want to go discuss with all the other fans.”

But online communities offer more than that. Trapa Civet, BronyCAN’s former treasurer, a 38-year-old who used his character name, became a furry — a member of a much broader community for fans of a whole range of animal characters — after seeing The Lion King when he was 17, at the start of the internet era. For Trapa, facing the shame of feeling that a Disney movie had changed his life, the internet offered a lifeline. “Suddenly I have a place to belong,” he said. “Suddenly you have this group of people who are ostensibly validating your existence.”

When Friendship is Magic ends, then, it won’t just put a stop to the flow of new content. It will take away a massive online community’s *raison d’être*. On the forums today, the angst is clear. “Just because a show ends doesn’t mean all these friends you’ve made and things you have built will disappear,” [8]wrote one user on Equestria Daily, the largest My Little Pony fan site, in December 2017. “As long as we keep celebrating pony, we can keep this going long into the future.”

Still, things are already changing. Trapa said he’s lost contact with a lot of his former brony friends since BronyCAN ended in 2017. “It’s not due to lack of desire. That’s just the way life works,” he said. “Real life starts to sneak in there.”

 Rob Harrison dressed in a Rainbow Dash costume from My Little Pony in North Vancouver, B.C., on Sept. 15, 2018.

Mark Yuen/Postmedia

In the food court at Metrotown, an enormous shopping mall in suburban Burnaby, Afion and a dozen other bronies

cluster together on a few couches, eating and chatting on a Saturday afternoon. Several are wearing My Little Pony T-shirts. Some carry plushies of their favourite characters. They seem largely immune to the looks of passers-by. "A lot of people watch the show to cope, that's one thing," said Adrian, a 16-year-old with a pair of headphones slung around his neck and a small plushie of the character Rainbow Dash. He rocked back and forth nervously as he spoke. (He asked that the Post not use his last name out of privacy concerns.)

Adrian is a relative newcomer to the brony fandom — he only began watching the show in 2017, after his father died. There was an episode about grieving that helped, he said. Before he died, Adrian's dad used to tell him that My Little Pony was a little girls' show, but Adrian now believes it's for everyone. "Actually give something a try before you judge it," he said.

In the early days, the brony community existed mostly online, but with the advent of conventions, internet bonds turned into real-life friendships. Between conventions, groups of bronies often gather at local meet-ups like this one. The devotion of younger fans like Adrian is tinged with regret at having missed the peak of the brony fandom — the "golden age," said 22-year-old Aric, who was wearing a BronyCon T-shirt from his first Baltimore convention last year, which he said was one of the best times of his life. Though he's been watching the show for years, Aric didn't have the money to go to the conventions until recently. Now, it feels like his last chance. BronyCon will end this year due to declining numbers — attendance has halved since 2015 — and Vancouver's BronyCAN is already gone.

Aric, whom the Post is also referring to by his first name because of privacy concerns, credits the show with getting him some more friends and making him a little less shy. "During summer break in high school, I used to sit in front of my computer for 17 hours a day, doing nothing, browsing the internet. It was really sad," he said. "I can't ever forget this."

Many older bronies have their own stories about how the show and the community changed their lives. Hughes was working in a restaurant, "making minimum wage, tossing salads and chopping carrots," when she discovered My Little Pony. She was introduced to the show by her boyfriend at the time, who got her to help organize the 2013 BronyCAN. Two years later, she was chairing the convention. "It just taught me what I'm capable of," she said.

Today, Hughes works as operations manager for a tech company, a startup whose CEO is also a brony. She and her boyfriend live in a small house in New Westminster. She recently finished her diploma, and things are busy. She thought she'd last watched My Little Pony around Christmas 2017, but she couldn't be sure. "I think a lot of people might have had that grow-up moment," she said. "And it could be that a lot of these people required the fandom in order to kind of have that change in their life."

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It can be expensive to be a brony. Travelling to and from conventions alone can cost hundreds of dollars, but many devoted bronies have also amassed large collections of merchandise, including plushies, artwork, figurines and sometimes full pony outfits. These aren't just children's toys. Hughes spent \$300 on a watercolour of Rarity, her favourite character. Gardiner has a custom-made plushie of an original pony he designed called Maxwell Citybuilder, which cost him \$400. It's a bit of a status symbol at conventions, he said. He and his friends all have high-end plushies. "We called ourselves the high-rollers."

As the bronies have gotten older, Gardiner has started to see a different type of merchandise appearing at conventions, including bath towels embroidered with pony symbols. "It's kind of the march of life, right?" he said.

This is one of the peculiar quirks of the brony fandom: the show's adult fans, apparently drawn to it for its messages about friendship and acceptance, are also obsessed with accumulating stuff. Expensive stuff. This, of course, is the whole point of the show. Hasbro created My Little Pony for girls in 1981, and has released four generations of the toys since then. The accompanying TV shows are simply clever marketing for the toys. Still, Hasbro didn't expect to be met with legions of adult fans, and initially didn't seem to know what to do with them. As a result, many bronies buy their merchandise not from Hasbro, but from fan artists who create higher-quality products.



Rob Harrison shows off his My Little Pony collection at his North Vancouver, B.C., home.

Mark Yuen/Postmedia Hasbro eventually came around to the bronies, and has begun selling higher-end collectibles to its adult fans. The company has embraced the bronies in other ways, too. The show's voice actors and series creator Lauren Faust often appear at brony conventions. Several episodes feature inside jokes that only bronies will catch. But it can be a testy relationship. The bronies get upset when Hasbro is too transparent about using the show to sell

toys. The Season 3 finale caused outrage when Twilight Sparkle, the central character, suddenly grew wings — a lazy attempt to boost sales, fans decided. They still talk about it today.

Some argue that the money is one reason for the fandom's decline, as the bronies face new financial responsibilities. "I think, ultimately, the fandom was created for teens and tweens, and eventually mom and dad's money ran out," said Trapa.

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To some extent, the decline of the brony fandom was inevitable. The show is eight seasons old and the sheen is wearing off. Some bronies grumble about how the writing isn't as good anymore, or about how the focus has shifted away from the six main characters to a growing cast of lesser ponies.

Added to that, a slew of unintended email leaks from Hasbro in December 2017 signalled that the show may be coming to an end after Season 9, to make way for the next generation of My Little Pony toys. The revelation sent shockwaves through the community, now facing an existential threat. "A lot of it is a sense that Generation 4... was kind of lightning in a bottle," said Gardiner. "Everything went exactly perfect, and that won't ever happen again."

But many also believe the frenzied heights of the brony fandom in 2014 and 2015, which Hughes compared to a Silicon Valley start-up, were never sustainable. "We saw a lot of people who maybe were just interested in the one convention to see what it was. Maybe a little bit of curiosity," she said. "And I don't think we had as many dedicated fans as we thought we did."

BronyCAN opened in 2013 to 850 guests, and peaked at more than 1,000. But attendance soon started to drop off, and by the end, they struggled to break even, Trapa said. He believes part of the issue is that bronies are so narrowly focused on a single TV show with an expiry date. "This is the first time I've been involved in a fandom that I know is going to die," he said.

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✂ Rob Harrison is a brony who is surrounded by his My Little Pony collection at his North Vancouver, B.C. home.

Mark Yuen/Postmedia Many bronies don't like to talk about the fandom dying. They don't see it that way — to them, it's just levelling off. "I'm definitely as into the show as I was from the start," said Rob Harrison. "I would say probably even more so at this point."

At 38, Harrison is fighting perhaps harder than any other Vancouver brony to keep the fandom alive. After BronyCAN closed in 2017, he decided to start up a new convention, on a smaller scale, that he hopes will be sustainable. [9]The Vanhoover Pony Expo launched on Jan. 11 and will run through the weekend, in defiance of those who say "the pony ride is over."

Gregarious and confident, more outgoing than many bronies, Harrison makes a good spokesperson for his cause. His tiny basement apartment in North Vancouver is cluttered with plushies, figurines and a pirate airship from last year's My Little Pony feature film.

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Harrison recognizes that without the conventions, some friendships won't survive. A lot of bronies worry about that. When BronyCAN ended, Trapa said, "people realized they might have friends that they'll never see again. And that's pretty tough."

Many of the bronies that organized BronyCAN are on board to help with Harrison's new convention, even those that aren't quite as attached to the fandom anymore. Gardiner, Hughes and Trapa are all involved. They want it to work. If Harrison worries that his mission is a little quixotic, that he's trying to resurrect a moment that's already passed, he doesn't show it. He says he's just doing it for the community. "Are they growing up? I don't know," he said. "I think the whole point of this is that none of us will ever grow up who are interested in something like this."

Gardiner, too, hopes the new convention will last. He doesn't like change, even though he recognizes that an important chapter is drawing to a close. He's planning to go to Baltimore this year, to send off the mother of all brony conventions with a bang. There's no way to escape what that represents.

"It's kind of a symbolic end to the fandom," he said. "I think it's going to be a moment in time that's never going to happen again."

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Five Ways America Should Secure the Border Against Terrorist Infiltration (2019-12-16 00:19)

Part IV: Five Ways America Should Secure the Border Against European-Style Terrorist Infiltration

Editor's note: This report represents the fourth and final installment of a series about what an epidemic of border-crossing Islamic terrorists who infiltrated Europe means for U.S. border security.

Read Part I, "A New Terror Travel Tactic is Born; Part II; "New Study Explains Why Islamic Terrorists Have Not Attacked Through America's Southern Border; and Part III, "Like in Europe, America's Broken Asylum System Enables Terrorist Infiltration Over U.S.-Mexico Border"

After working for years in Brazil as a "large-scale" smuggler of U.S.-bound Somalis, Mohammad Ahmad Dhakane decided to cross the Texas-Mexico border himself in 2008 and claim political asylum. He gave U.S. immigration a fraudulent story of persecution of the sort he often gave his smuggled clients.

But an FBI informant positioned inside the Texas detention facility soon discovered and reported that Dhakane was a trained guerilla fighter and trusted senior insider of the U.S.-designated terrorist group al-Ittihad al-Islamiya (AIAI), also known as the brutalizing "Islamic Courts Union," the predecessor of al-Shabaab. He also was so trusted by senior AIAI leadership that he served for six years as its chief "hawaladar," by which he used the U.S. Treasury Department-banned terrorist finance network known as al-Barakat to transfer millions in off-book funds to AIAI.

Whatever it was, if anything, that Dhakane was planning once across the Texas border with U.S. asylum never happened because, of course, he was serendipitously caught first. However, his 2008-2011 prosecution showed that he also facilitated the crossings of at least "several" AIAI operatives across the Texas and California borders whom he knew, from long discussions in hotel rooms along the way, were "ready to die for the cause."

From the public disclosure of other border-entrants with dark terrorist pasts like Dhakane's, the several AIAI

clients he smuggled in, and at least 20 suspected extremists on terrorism watch lists also reported caught each year, the American public can definitively know that this threat exists on some arguable scale and cannot be dismissed as merely theoretical even absent actual attacks on U.S. soil since 9/11.

Theory-turned-proof-of-concept is especially the case now, in light of new Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) research documenting that 104 Islamic terrorists infiltrated European borders as migrants between 2014-2018, completed 16 attacks and plotted 25 thwarted ones. The epidemic of death, destruction, and public cost from terrorist border infiltrations, which continued in Europe during 2019, is hardly notional there. Nor should it be here.

Five Solutions Government Can Implement without Congressional Approval

But what should American homeland security leaders do now that we know about the emergence of a new global terror travel tactic that terrorist organizations and operatives could not possibly have not noticed? As explained in Part II of this Townhall series based on the CIS research, American homeland security did build counter-smuggling, detection, and interdiction cordons in the years after 9/11 to partially filter the roughly 4,000 migrants from Muslim-majority nations, known in government parlance as “special interest aliens (SIAs),” that annually reach the U.S. southern border. But the whole effort, as I reported, is “neglected and easily defeatable,” leaving a persistent elevating threat unmitigated.

Following are five solutions that American homeland security authorities should and can immediately implement to help apprehend more Dhakanes and thereby reduce the threat.

Resurrect a 2016 initiative from Obama-era DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson to bring together all DHS agencies, as well as the FBI and military intelligence components of the U.S. Southern Command, in a coordinated campaign to target and disrupt SIA smuggling over the American border.

In 2016, Secretary Johnson recognized the border threat from SIAs and ordered a comprehensive plan to apply the powers of all homeland security agencies in a coordinated way to disrupt this flow. Its purpose was to create common definitions, and finally integrate disparate intelligence with law enforcement efforts to vet SIAs at the border and to dismantle their smuggling networks in Latin America. After the election of President Donald Trump, the initiative lost traction and is no longer driven by leadership as a priority. The Democratic appointees’ plan is fundamentally bi-partisan and should be resurrected.

Direct and prioritize a surge of SIA smuggling investigations in Latin America by ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI); ensure more HSI units exclusively target SIA smuggling in South America, in Central America, and in Mexico.

As described in Part II and the CIS research, ICE-HSI conducts most SIA smuggling investigations in Latin America, but is under-resourced and too often diverted to drug trafficking investigations. SIA smuggling investigations are time-consuming, expensive, and complex because they must occur in conjunction with the law enforcement and intelligence services of sovereign host countries. However, research shows that because SIA smugglers are uniquely specialized in terms of multilingualism and bi-nationality, and access to mandatory fraudulent identity documents, their removal can disrupt smuggling networks for longer periods of time than would the removal of typical contraband smugglers.

Require U.S. Attorney offices to prioritize prosecution of asylum fraud; direct agencies to prioritize asylum fraud detection and investigation involving claims made by SIAs.

As described in Part III, SIA smugglers rely on U.S. unwillingness to detect, investigate, or prosecute asylum fraud to ensure that migrants achieve legal status after arrival. SIA smuggling business continuity relies on suc-

successful asylum claims to justify fees paid in origin countries; therefore, smugglers coach clients in how to craft fake persecution stories to get U.S. approval. However, a 2015 GAO report found that U.S. Attorney offices usually decline to prosecute asylum fraud investigative referrals, so investigators won't make cases. Directing an emphasis on asylum fraud investigations – and prosecution – for SIA smugglers would do real damage to the business.

Require that ICE ERO, the FBI, and other government agencies conduct personal security threat interviews of all SIAs detained inside the United States, as well as in Mexican and Central American detention centers, to assess individual risk before migrants are feed.

In past years, ICE intelligence officers and FBI agents were guided by a goal of 100-percent, in-person security vetting assessments of detained SIAs and to collect intelligence on their smugglers. However, these efforts are now largely episodic inside U.S. detention centers and in those of allied countries such as Mexico, Panama, and Costa Rica. The release of SIA detainees absent security interviews vastly increases the potential that unknown extremists will be among them and valuable intelligence on their smugglers is uncaptured. Prioritize and direct as many interviews as possible while arranging for extended detention time and bed space to allow the time necessary.

Fund large-scale migrant repatriation flights of SIAs from Mexico and Central American transit nations, to include funding for detention facility infrastructure and air transport.

Mexico, Panama, and several other common SIA transit countries practice catch-and-release of SIA migrants as this video from my reporting last year in Panama and Costa Rica shows, with only a rare few undergoing security threat interviews. The two countries provide food, shelter, and medical attention for 10-21 days and then arrange bus travel to their northern borders. Both countries, because they are geographic smuggling chokepoints, are logical staging grounds for repatriation flights to home countries, which would profoundly deter future smuggling. In addition to their geographic advantages for repatriation flights, Mexico and Panama are U.S. allies with longstanding collaborative histories in intelligence and law enforcement operations.

Conclusion

Unfortunately, governments place traffic lights and stop signs only after fatal car crashes mark the spots in blood. Europe and the capture of far too many people like Dhakane at the U.S. border are blinking now like red dummy lights on the car dashboard.

Ideally, common-sense solutions like the five described above would be implemented preemptively, without Congressional approval, using security assistance aid and other foreign assistance funding. But, if political leadership cannot bring itself to act preemptively, these solutions will be available on the Day After a border infiltrator attacks, just like in Europe.

Consider this series that clarion call

The Scott Walker Effect At Trump's Impeachment (2019-12-16 00:29)

A funny thing happened on the way to President Trump's impeachment. Somewhere along the way, House Democrats lost the support of the American people.

When they announced Articles of Impeachment against Trump on Tuesday, they did so with the support of just 48 % of the American people (a number that is dramatically skewed by the fact that a near-unanimous 87.3 % of Democrats want him impeached and removed from office), while the RealClearPolitics average of polls finds that

46.2 % of the country does not want the President impeached and removed.

Amazingly, support for impeachment has gone down as impeachment hearings have attempted to paint a clear picture of impeachable offenses.

On October 8th, after weeks of breathless media coverage of the Ukraine scandal, support for impeachment hit a high of 52.2 % in the RealClearPolitics average. On November 10th, two days before hearings began, support for it was at 51 %.

After two weeks of hearings in the House Intelligence Committee, though, that average dipped to 48 %-46 % support for impeachment, where it remains to this day.

Obviously, the absence of any actual firsthand evidence of wrongdoing impacted public opinion, but newly released polling from key battleground states suggests that something more might be at play.

Republican polling firm Firehouse Strategies reports this week that the impeachment inquiry seems to be helping President Trump in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, where he is now beating every single leading Democrat in hypothetical matchups.

Not only does a clear majority of voters in these three critical states oppose impeachment and removal from office, President Trump has reversed declining numbers as the impeachment inquiry has taken off.

Nowhere has this shift been more pronounced than in Wisconsin. In March, former Vice President Joe Biden (who has been damaged by his association with the Ukraine scandal) led President Trump by a whopping 12 percentage points. Now, President Trump leads him by nine.

What could have caused a 21-point swing in just 10 months? Why did it come during a period in which logic would seem to dictate that Trump would lose support as evidence of his supposed wrongdoing is made public? And why is this odd trend so especially pronounced in Wisconsin?

The answer is what might be dubbed "The Scott Walker Effect."

In November of 2010, then-Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker swept into the Governor's Mansion with a 52.3 %-46.5 % victory over Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett. A little over a month after his inauguration the following January, Walker introduced a comprehensive overhaul of collective bargaining for Wisconsin's public employees known as Act 10.

Anyone who was in Wisconsin or even had a passing familiarity with the state knows what happened next. Public employee unions went ballistic, and more than 100,000 angry demonstrators descended on the State Capitol building for weeks on end. Democrats in the State Senate fled to Illinois to avoid a vote on the bill. Once it was signed, liberal activists immediately organized recall efforts against state legislators who supported the bill.

The anger didn't subside, and more than a year later, Walker himself faced a recall election. But a funny thing happened on the way to his ouster. He won with an even greater percentage of the vote (53.1 %-46.3 %). Even more shockingly, he gained 206,644 votes over his total from November of 2010, when he faced the same opponent.

This increase is The Scott Walker Effect: Voter backlash to a perceived unjust effort to oust a leader over political differences. In other words, while voter turnout increased overall from November 2010 to June 2012, Walker's dramatic rise came largely from voters expressing their dissatisfaction that Democrats vindictively abused the recall process to get rid of a Governor whom they simply didn't like.

Recall elections were traditionally used as a remedy for malfeasance in public office—not as revenge for an unpopular policy—and the widespread belief in Wisconsin that Democrats were simply bitter about losing the battle over Act 10 (and the 2010 election) helped make Walker the first Governor to ever survive a recall election.

It seems fairly obvious that the Scott Walker Effect is now driving impeachment polling, especially here in Wisconsin. Did 21 % of Wisconsinites suddenly change their minds about President Trump since March, or do they recognize impeachment as yet another tired recall effort?

Just as troubling for Democrats, the impeachment push seems to be galvanizing Republican support for President Trump just as the recall effort did for Governor Walker. Those who might have been on the fence about Walker and voted for him almost out of a sense of obligation to vote Republican suddenly had a reason to back him with everything they had. They knocked on doors, they made phone calls, and they put up yard signs...even if they had never done so before. They felt it was their duty to save Walker from a fundamentally unjust process.

And now Republicans are doing the same for President Trump. 89 % oppose impeachment and removal from office and 90 % approve of the job he is doing. Nearly all of them recognize impeachment for what it is—an effort to politically weaken a President (there is no chance the Senate will vote to convict and remove him from office) less than a year before he stands for re-election. A process reserved for actual malfeasance in office is being cheapened with imagined offenses that barely mask naked political hatred.

The dramatic and seemingly paradoxical turn in support for impeachment reveals this, and once House Democrats' overreach inevitably backfires, they will have only themselves—and the Scott Walker Effect—to blame

The Chinese Communist Party Is Setting Up Cells at Universities Across America (Smith Act of 1940 anyone?) (2019-12-17 14:38)

The Illinois university partners with several Chinese universities in exchange programs; at least two of those Chinese universities have directed participants to form party cells on the Urbana-Champaign campus, using those cells for ideological monitoring and control, according to articles posted to university websites and interviews with student participants.

One Chinese exchange student who studied at UIUC in the fall of 2017 says that before embarking on the study tour in Illinois, the students had to attend a lecture on the dangers of the Falun Gong, a strongly anti-party spiritual group banned in mainland China but active in the United States.

After the students' arrival in Illinois, their home university asked the group to set up a temporary party branch and requested that the students hold a viewing party to watch the 19th party plenum in October, the major party planning conference held every five years. (The plenum was the subject of a major global propaganda push, with Chinese embassies and consulates reaching out to Chinese community organizations around the world, asking them to organize events for their members.)

The exchange students at UIUC were also asked to report on any potentially subversive opinions their classmates may have evinced while abroad, according to the student.

"After we went back to China, we had one-on-one meetings with our teachers. We talked about ourselves and others performance abroad," the student says. "We had to talk about whether other students had some anti-party thought."

Illinois is not alone. Party cells have appeared in California, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, North Dakota, and West Virginia. The cells appear to be part of a strategy, now expanded under Chinese President Xi Jinping, to extend direct party control globally and to insulate students and scholars abroad from the influence of “harmful ideology,” sometimes by asking members to report on each other’s behaviors and beliefs.

Members of a Chinese Communist Party cell at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign hold a meeting on July 20, 2017. (Fair Use/Huazhong University of Science and Technology)

These overseas cells fit in with the party’s broader goals, says Samantha Hoffman, a visiting fellow at the Mercator Institute for China Studies in Berlin. “You still know that if you actively protest against [the party], or if you make some kinds of comments, you know that that could harm you later on,” she says. “Information gets around. It’s a way of controlling what you are willing to do.”

Since assuming office in late 2012, Xi has implemented a sweeping campaign to consolidate more power in the party’s hands. A major reorganization announced in late March transferred control of key government bureaus to party organs, changes that appear to undo some elements of the party-state divide set up by party leader Deng Xiaoping in the 1980s.

Mihrigul Tursun (right) speaks at the National Press Club in Washington on Nov. 26, 2018. Through a translator, Tursun, a member of China’s Uighur minority, said she spent several months in detention in China where she was beaten, tortured, and given unknown drugs. (Maria Danilova/AP)

The Chinese Communist Party Always Needs An Enemy

A relentless war on free spaces for Chinese exiles stems from past revolutions.

Argument | Bethany Allen-Ebrahimian

A section of the portfolio for Xijian, China’s leading augmented reality firm, explains how their technology can be used to improve Chinese Communist Party propaganda. Courtesy of Xijian

Xi has also cracked down on universities, calling for greater ideological control on campuses. In early 2016, the Ministry of Education released a directive calling for more “patriotic education” for students — including Chinese students studying abroad. And in December 2017, Xi urged overseas Chinese students to adopt the attitude of “studying abroad to serve the country.”

The overseas party branches are typically established by a group of Chinese exchange students or visiting scholars at the direction of their home institution’s party committee, according to articles and reports viewed by Foreign Policy. Each cohort forms its own cell, which is typically then disbanded when the group returns to China.

The party isn’t shy about the purpose of these new branches. “The rising number of overseas party branches is a new phenomenon, showing the growing influence of the [Chinese Communist Party] and China,” according to a November 2017 report in the party-aligned Global Times newspaper. “Overseas party cells are also responsible for promoting party and government policies.”

The UIUC public affairs office declined to comment on whether it was aware that party cells were being established on campus.

“We take the safety and security of all of our students seriously and work extremely hard to ensure that they have the opportunity to freely pursue the full educational experience we promised them when they chose to come to Illinois,” the university said in a statement to FP.

China's effort to establish party branches at universities abroad has already hit some road bumps. In November 2017, a group of visiting Chinese scholars at the University of California, Davis attracted international media attention after it was revealed that they had founded a party branch on the Davis campus.

The scholars disbanded the branch shortly after its creation, citing unspecified concerns over compliance with "local laws."

Yet other efforts appear to have gone largely unnoticed.

In August 2017, three teachers and five visiting scholars from Zhejiang University of Technology School of Pharmacy formed a party cell at the University of California, San Diego, holding meetings in a campus dormitory in which they selected their party secretary and discussed Xi's recent speeches.

In July 2017, a group of visiting teachers from Shanghai Business School set up a party branch at West Virginia University College of Business and Economics, where they held joint events with the Confucius Institute there, according to an article posted to the Shanghai Business School website. Other branches have been set up at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, Ohio State University, Northern Illinois University, and the University of North Dakota's aviation department, according to Chinese-language articles published on WeChat.

Grouping students into party cells while abroad sounds like a "downward extension" of a policy that has long been applied to high-ranking Chinese officials who travel overseas, says Andrew Chubb, a fellow at the Princeton-Harvard China and the World program. "This is important information that should be carefully considered by universities hosting exchanges. Host institutions need to make sure they are familiar with the kinds of situations their exchange students may be in," he says.

The party cells popping up on campuses across the United States aren't the Communist Party's only expansion abroad. The U.S.-based party branches are part of a growing network of cells located on campuses in Canada, Mexico, Chile, Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, South Korea, Thailand, and elsewhere.

One hub for the establishment of party cells on campuses around the world is Shanghai International Studies University, which has partnerships with institutions in 56 different countries and regions, including in the United States. According to the November 2017 Global Times report, the university's School of European and Latin American Studies started setting up party branches at its study abroad locations in 2009; it now operates party cells in a number of countries, including Spain, Portugal, Chile, Greece, Mexico, Italy, and the Netherlands.

The cells aren't always used for ideological purposes. In March 2011, as the Arab Spring protests devolved into a civil war in Libya, Beijing sent a warship to the region to evacuate all 35,000 Chinese nationals there. A small group of Chinese students on Crete, members of a party cell at the University of Athens, participated in the evacuation effort, according to an article in the People's Daily, the Communist Party's main newspaper.

Helping to evacuate compatriots from a war zone is the type of humanitarian work many university groups would want to promote, but the students' mobilization demonstrates Beijing's growing capacity to establish functional party cells in Western countries that can be activated if needed.

"The party branches are the channel through which political power is exercised. It does not mean good or bad — power is not that," says Peter Mattis, a China analyst at the Jamestown Foundation. "The way and purpose for which it is used is what matters."

At least one Chinese university connected to the military has established party branches abroad as well. In 2012, the National University of Defense Technology, an institution affiliated with the People's Liberation Army (PLA), set up eight overseas party cells, including in the United Kingdom, according to a report in the official PLA Daily.

The branches were required to collect written ideological reports from members each quarter and submit them to their political department. The goal, according to the PLA Daily, was to strengthen the "management" of overseas students and to "resolutely resist the corrosion caused by harmful ideology."

For Chinese students abroad, there's a clear message, according to Hoffman of the Mercator Institute.

"You know that the party's there," she says. "It's integrated directly into your study abroad experience."

The Right to Destroy Cities (2019-12-18 13:28)

This week, the Supreme Court effectively mandated continued legal tolerance for homelessness across major cities on the West Coast of the United States. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled that Americans have a right to sleep on the streets, and that it amounts to

"cruel and unusual punishment" under the Constitution to levy fines based on such behavior. That court – a repository of stupidity and radicalism, the Mos Eisley of our nation's federal bench – decided that writing a \$25 ticket to people "camping" on the sidewalk is precisely the sort of brutality the Founding Fathers sought to prohibit in stopping torture under the Eighth Amendment.

That ruling was so patently insane that even liberal politicians such as Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas joined the appeal attempt. "Letting the current law stand handicaps cities and counties from acting nimbly to aid those perishing on the streets, exacerbating unsafe and unhealthy conditions that negatively affect our most vulnerable residents," he explained.

But the 9th Circuit ruling will stand. That ruling followed a separate 2006 ruling from the same court, which found that cities could not ban people from sleeping in public places. In this case, Judge Marsha Berzon, in language so twisted it would make yoga pioneer Bikram Choudhury jealous, wrote that "the state may not criminalize the state of being 'homeless in public places'" and thus could not criminalize the "consequence" of being homeless.

It is worth noting that being homeless is not a "state" of being. It is not an immutable characteristic. It is an activity and can certainly be regulated. That doesn't mean the best solution is prosecution of those living on the street – a huge swath of homeless people are mentally ill or addicted to drugs and would benefit from better laws concerning involuntary commitment or mandatory drug rehabilitation. But to suggest that cities cannot do anything to effectively police those sleeping on the streets is to damn those cities to the spread of disease, the degradation of public spaces and an increase in street crime.

Hilariously, Berzon contended that this 9th Circuit ruling would not mandate cities to provide full housing to the homeless; it would just prohibit them from moving or arresting the homeless for living on the streets. Which is somewhat like Tom Hagen telling Jack Woltz that while he doesn't have to cast Johnny Fontane in his new war film, he can't stop the Corleones from rearranging the family stable.

But here's the problem: Cities that have attempted to provide increased housing for the homeless, despite some early successes, have seen their problems return. Cities like Seattle and Los Angeles have attempted to build new housing. It's been an expensive failure. It turns out that the carrot of housing must be accompanied by the stick

of law enforcement. If you cannot compel drug addicts to enter treatment, or paranoid schizophrenics to take their medication, or those who refuse to live indoors to do so, homelessness will not abate.

As it is, the Supreme Court has damned America's major cities to the continuation of the festering problem of homelessness. And that problem won't be solved by judges who attempt to force social policy through deliberately misreading the Constitution, or who believe they are championing "freedom" for tens of thousands of Americans who are seriously mentally ill or addicted to drugs

Corrupting Our Social Norms (2019-12-18 13:34)

Here are several questions for biologists and medical professionals: If a person is found to have XY chromosomes (heterogametic sex), does a designation as female on his birth certificate, driver's license or Social Security card override the chromosomal evidence? Similarly, if a person is found to have XX chromosomes (homogametic) does a designation as male on her birth certificate, driver's license or Social Security card override the chromosomal evidence? If you were a medical professional, would you consider it malpractice for an obstetrics/gynecology medical specialist, not to order routine Pap smears to screen for cervical cancer for a patient who identifies as a female but has XY chromosomes?

If you were a judge, would you sentence a criminal, who identifies as a female but has XY chromosomes, to a women's prison? A judge just might do so. Judge William Pryor of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit focused on a Florida school district ruling that a transgender "boy," a person with XX chromosomes, could not be barred from the boys' restroom. Pryor suggested students shouldn't be separated by gender at all.

Fear may explain why biologists in academia do not speak out to say that one's sex is not optional. Since the LGBTQ community is a political force on many college campuses, biologists probably fear retaliation from diversity-blinded administrators. It's not just academics and judges who now see sex as optional. Federal, state and local governments are ignoring biology and permitting people to make their sex optional on one's birth certificate, passport, Social Security card and driver's license. In New York City, intentional or repeated refusal to use an individual's preferred name, pronoun or title is a violation of the New York City Human Rights Law. If I said that my preferred title was "Your Majesty," I wonder whether the New York City Commission on Human Rights would prosecute people who repeatedly refused to use my preferred title.

One transgender LGBTQ activist filed a total of 16 complaints against female estheticians, with the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal after they refused to wax his male genitals. He sought financial restitution totaling at least \$32,500. One woman was forced to close her shop. Fortunately, the LGBTQ activist's case was thrown out by the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal, and he was instructed to pay \$2,000 each to three of the women he attacked. The LGBTQ activist is not giving up. He is now threatening to sue gynecologists who will not accept him as a patient.

In 2012, an evangelical Christian baker in Colorado was threatened with jail time for refusing to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex marriage ceremony. When Christian bakery owner Jack Phillips won a landmark (7-2 decision) U.S. Supreme Court case in June 2018 over his refusal to make a wedding cake for a gay couple based on his religious convictions, he thought his legal battles with the state of Colorado were over. But now Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, Colorado, 24 days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in his favor, faces a new court fight. This fight involves a lawyer who asked him to bake a cake to celebrate the anniversary of her gender transition. There are probably many bakery shops in and around Lakewood, Colorado, that would be happy to bake a cake for homosexuals; they are simply targeting Phillips.

For those in the LGBTQ community, and elsewhere, who support such attacks, we might ask them whether they would seek prosecution of the owner of a Jewish delicatessen who refused to provide catering services for a neo-Nazi affair. Should a black catering company be forced to cater a Ku Klux Klan affair? Should the NAACP be forced to open its membership to racist skinheads and neo-Nazis? Should the Congressional Black Caucus be forced to open its membership to white members of Congress? If you're a liberty-minded American, your answers should be no

Xbox Series X Specs similar to Playstation 5 (16 GB of RAM) (2019-12-19 22:18)

The CPU will be a custom AMD ZEN 2 chipset, accompanied by a custom GPU built on the AMD RDNA architecture, with ray-tracing touted as a standout capability. Confirmation of a solid-state drive should be welcome news for those sick of loading times.

Microsoft also claimed that the new console handles "4K at 60FPS, with possibility of up to 120FPS, including support for Variable Refresh Rate (VRR), and 8K capability."

This obviously falls short of detailed information on its capabilities, so we turn to rumours for specifics. As reported by Windows Central's sources, Series X might boast:

- CPU: 8-core targeting around 3.5 GHz.
- GPU: Xbox Series X GPU and custom processor.
- Compute Power: 12 TFLOPS.
- RAM: 13 GB for games, 3 GB for operating system (16 GB total).
- Storage: Custom non-volatile memory express solid-state storage (NVMe SSD).

Phil Spencer, Microsoft's Xbox chief, said: "We wanted to have a dramatic upgrade from the Xbox One base console. So when we do the math, we're over eight times the GPU power of the Xbox One, and two times what an Xbox One X is."

For comparison, here are the Xbox One X specs:

- CPU: 2.3 GHz AMD-customized Jaguar Evolved (8-core).
- GPU: 1172 MHz AMD-customized UC RX 580.
- Compute power: 6 TFLOPS.
- RAM: 12 GB GDDR5.
- Storage: 1TB HDD.

Problem arrives where Dragon Quest XI looks great on PS4 and I have nobody to brag to about Playstation 5 or Xbox Series X to! I get the same likes of old Super Nintendo games as I do Nintendo Switch games on Instagram. Although at my Laptop Chips job, they were bragging about Xbox One X and their 4k TV. Xbox One doesn't have many really great games and I have a Xbox One! Nobody comes over to play multiplayer on my Playstation 4. My Wii had more multiplayer action when I was younger! I'm nearing 40 when Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) is activated. It's 5 years away and I need a job. I feel I'm unemployed because ADEA didn't activate soon enough (like age 35). Minnesota starts age discrimination laws at age 18, but I'm in Wisconsin only under ADEA.

Understanding Democrats' March Toward Electoral Defeat (2019-12-20 22:25)

After months of false starts and threats and endless posturing, Donald Trump has joined Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton as the third American president impeached by the House of Representatives. Democrats started promising to do this before the president was elected. Still, it feels kind of weird, surprising, surreal even, that it actually happened. Why? Because impeachment is a terrible idea for the country. At this point, there is no chance the Democrats can remove the president. And in trying, they will only hurt themselves. The polls are clear. Yet – and here is the fascinating part – they did it anyway.

Maryland Congressman Jamie Raskin explained why: "The president's continuing course of conduct constitutes a clear and present danger to democracy in America. We cannot allow this misconduct to pass. It would be a sell-out of our Constitution, our foreign policy, our national security, and our democracy." See if you can follow his logic chain: Leaving a president in office until voters can decide to remove him from office if they want to is "a danger to democracy."

The entire impeachment saga has become detached from reality. Here are the facts: Democrats do not have the votes to remove Trump from office. They never will have the votes to remove the president. The point of impeachment is to remove a president. They cannot do that. This process is doomed. By the way, they don't have the votes because voters don't support it. The irony is that our democracy is working just fine. Voters support it. After a full month of watching public hearings on impeachment, Democrats have not gained support. They have lost it. In late October, when this began, about half the country backed impeachment and 44 % said they were opposed. In the most recent polling, those numbers have inverted. In other words, the more people learned about impeachment, the less they wanted impeachment. That's not one person's opinion. That is the sum total of the polling.

Even in the face of all the data, elite Democrats still will not admit it. They are in denial. Democratic Party cheerleader and CNN commentator Jeffrey Toobin attacked his own company's polling when it didn't match what he believes to be true: "You see a decline from our last poll in Democratic support from 90 % down to 77 %. Can I just say, that I don't believe that poll for one second...The 90 % to 77 %. You know, it's just I don't believe it. Like it makes no sense that that the numbers would change like that. I mean... sometimes polls are sometimes wrong."

Why doesn't he believe it? Because he doesn't. Says the legal analyst. I look out my window and I see the horizon. That means it's flat. You can tell me the Earth is round. But I just don't believe it, never mind your dumb numbers and scientific theories. I just don't believe it. This is the definition of ideological extremism. It's an inability to change course no matter what the evidence tells you. At that point, this is no longer politics. We left that a long time ago. What we are seeing is religion. And, of course, being the Democratic Party, it's always the exact opposite of what they claim it is.

As Trump noted in the recent letter to Nancy Pelosi: "You are the ones interfering in America's elections. You are the ones subverting American democracy. You are the ones bringing pain and suffering to the republic for your own selfish personal, political, and partisan gain." The public, whether they like Trump or not, agrees with that. Polling shows it.

But the Democrats can't acknowledge that they are stuck. In 2016, even before the election, they went all-in on denouncing Trump and his supporters as beyond the pale racists not worthy of being hated. When they lost, they refused to learn. They refused to think about why they may have lost. Instead, they moved seamlessly from calling voters who wouldn't support them "racists" into a conspiracy about Russia that was so bizarre they could never fully explain its outlines. That collapsed, too. But what hasn't changed is the rage storm they've created with years of propaganda. Democratic leaders whipped their voters into such a frenzy that the voters can't be pulled back now. They want blood. The Democrats have no choice but to march forward even though it will inevitably destroy them,

and they know it will.

Impeachment from the "Star Chamber" (2019-12-23 19:44)

The **Star Chamber** (Latin: Camera stellata) was an English court which sat at the royal Palace of Westminster, from the late 15th century to the mid-17th century

The vote to impeach President Trump last week was the culmination of a trend in the Democratic Party that is just plain weird.

The vote to "formalize" Adam Schiff's one-sided, secret Star Chamber impeachment hearings in the basement of the House and send the process to the House Judiciary Committee took place on Halloween. One Democratic member, Katie Porter of California, wore a Batman costume to cast her vote that day.

Then the vote by the House Judiciary Committee to recommend impeachment and send the matter to the full House for a vote took place on December 13. That was a Friday. As in Friday the 13th.

Now I am not the superstitious sort. The votes had to take place on one day or another, and Rep. Jerry Nadler had apparently originally planned to hold the House Judiciary Committee vote on Thursday, December 12, but the hearings ran late into the night. Not wanting to take a vote at 10PM, which would miss the zenith of the daily news cycle, he opted to adjourn and hold the vote the next day, when a whole panoply of cameras and microphones would be available for Democratic congressmen to gloat before the world. Still, that makes the timing of the event on Friday the 13th even eerier, since it was seemingly less planned.

When you consider these two events in light of other surreal happenings on the Left, I think I'd be running from the Democratic Party like a teenage girl on Elm Street running from a guy in a hockey mask holding a blood-drenched butcher knife.

Take the recent story about the Texas pro-abortion group called Texas Equal Access Fund, which held a holiday party this month in which the party favors consisted of votive candles with the image of a unicorn and the words "Abortions are Magical!" on them. Seriously. These were given out by an abortion group at a "holiday party" – what us old-school folks call Christmas parties, designed to celebrate the birth of the Savior of the World. They actually posted a photo of their candles on social media, saying, "Getting our holiday party favors ready! Every year we honor our volunteers and make sure they get a token of appreciation at our annual holiday party." That's some honor.

Yes, the group was perhaps trolling right-wingers with their stunt. But at what price to their souls? Or do they have any?

That question isn't just rhetorical when you consider that Democrats in 2019 passed a shockingly liberal abortion law in New York, to the point where a full-term baby can be murdered (sorry, "aborted") for virtually any reason right up to its entry into the birth canal.

And in what has to be among the creepiest political interviews ever conducted, Virginia's governor Ralph Northam, a pediatrician no less, actually endorsed infanticide. That is not hyperbole. He told Washington, D.C. radio listeners in his most soothing bedside manner voice, how in third trimester abortions if a baby to be aborted survives its trip through the birth canal, the doctor and the mother can have a "discussion" about that baby's fate, with the implication being that if mother and doctor decide that baby will not live, it will be dispatched in one form or another. That is infanticide.

Even more shockingly, that interview did not end Governor Northam's political career. In fact, Governor Northam was able to weather revelations shortly after that interview that he appeared in his medical school yearbook in a photo depicting someone in blackface standing next to someone in Ku Klux Klan regalia (which character Gov. Northam depicted – blackface wearer or KKK guy – was never definitively determined, although Dr. Northam did later confess to having worn blackface in the past, helpfully advising people not to use shoe polish to achieve the effect, since it's so hard to remove).

Gov. Northam survived all of these scandals, while his Democratic lieutenant governor, Justin Fairfax, stood credibly accused of having sexually assaulted two women, also without having to resign. Not to be outdone, the third in line in Virginia's state government, Democrat Attorney General Mark Herring, admitted himself to having worn blackface. He also survived this scandal, which would unquestionably have finished the career of any Republican.

All of these Democratic politicians continue in office to this day. And what is most concerning is that, notwithstanding these bombshell disclosures, the Old Dominion would see the Democrats take control of both the State Senate and House of Delegates six months later. Incredibly, Lt. Governor Fairfax has just announced that he plans to seek the governorship, despite the allegations of the two very serious women who accused him of sexual assault.

Finally, as 2019 neared its end, we saw the Democrats and progressives worldwide loft to stardom a young Swedish girl named Greta Thunberg who, at the ripe old age of 16, stood before presumed adults around the world and scolded them for not doing enough to address global warming, or climate change, or whatever the term du jour is for man's alleged sins against the planet.

This young lady could easily have been cast in a starring role in the 1960 British sci-fi shlock flick, *Village of the Damned*, or its 1964 sequel, *Children of the Damned*. In this Cold War horror story, teenagers in the idyllic English village of Midwich have been experimented on by the military and – oops – things go awry, with the kids developing psychic powers that their military experimenters can't control. Maybe the scariest part is their glowing eyes and zombie-like stares, not unlike Greta's.

Presciently, the writers of the sequel had the cast of creepy kids representing countries from all over the world. How diversity-conscious of them. No doubt Greta would approve. But I'm not kidding about Greta resembling these kids. Watch a trailer for *Village of the Damned* here, and then watch Greta's "How dare you!" speech at the U.N. I think Greta has a shot for a lead role in a 2020 remake.

But really what's creepier than some poor brainwashed Swedish teenager spouting programmed talking points about so-called climate change are the number of adults who actually listen to her, or even revere her, such as those at Time Magazine who named her Person of the Year.

That is creepy. What is wrong with the Democratic Party and leftists generally who embrace this stuff?

Let 2019 be remembered as the year the Democrats went full-on creepy. Let's hope 2020 pulls them back to somewhat sane.

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Top 100 Books (2019-12-23 21:54)

1. The Lord of the Rings, JRR Tolkien
2. Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
3. His Dark Materials, Philip Pullman
4. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams
5. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, JK Rowling
6. To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
7. Winnie the Pooh, AA Milne
8. Nineteen Eighty-Four, George Orwell
9. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, CS Lewis
10. Jane Eyre, Charlotte Brontë
11. Catch-22, Joseph Heller
12. Wuthering Heights, Emily Brontë
13. Birdsong, Sebastian Faulks
14. Rebecca, Daphne du Maurier
15. The Catcher in the Rye, JD Salinger
16. The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame
17. Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
18. Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
19. Captain Corelli's Mandolin, Louis de Bernieres
20. War and Peace, Leo Tolstoy
21. Gone with the Wind, Margaret Mitchell
22. Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone, JK Rowling
23. Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets, JK Rowling
24. Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban, JK Rowling
25. The Hobbit, JRR Tolkien
26. Tess Of The D'Urbervilles, Thomas Hardy
27. Middlemarch, George Eliot
28. A Prayer For Owen Meany, John Irving
29. The Grapes Of Wrath, John Steinbeck
30. Alice's Adventures In Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
31. The Story Of Tracy Beaker, Jacqueline Wilson
32. One Hundred Years Of Solitude, Gabriel García Márquez
33. The Pillars Of The Earth, Ken Follett
34. David Copperfield, Charles Dickens
35. Charlie And The Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl
36. Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
37. A Town Like Alice, Nevil Shute
38. Persuasion, Jane Austen
39. Dune, Frank Herbert
40. Emma, Jane Austen
41. Anne Of Green Gables, LM Montgomery
42. Watership Down, Richard Adams
43. The Great Gatsby, F Scott Fitzgerald
44. The Count Of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas
45. Brideshead Revisited, Evelyn Waugh
46. Animal Farm, George Orwell
47. A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
48. Far From The Madding Crowd, Thomas Hardy

49. Goodnight Mister Tom, Michelle Magorian
50. The Shell Seekers, Rosamunde Pilcher
51. The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett
52. Of Mice And Men, John Steinbeck
53. The Stand, Stephen King
54. Anna Karenina, Leo Tolstoy
55. A Suitable Boy, Vikram Seth
56. The BFG, Roald Dahl
57. Swallows And Amazons, Arthur Ransome
58. Black Beauty, Anna Sewell
59. Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer
60. Crime And Punishment, Fyodor Dostoyevsky
61. Noughts And Crosses, Malorie Blackman
62. Memoirs Of A Geisha, Arthur Golden
63. A Tale Of Two Cities, Charles Dickens
64. The Thorn Birds, Colleen McCollough
65. Mort, Terry Pratchett
66. The Magic Faraway Tree, Enid Blyton
67. The Magus, John Fowles
68. Good Omens, Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman
69. Guards! Guards!, Terry Pratchett
70. Lord Of The Flies, William Golding
71. Perfume, Patrick Süskind
72. The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists, Robert Tressell
73. Night Watch, Terry Pratchett
74. Matilda, Roald Dahl
75. Bridget Jones's Diary, Helen Fielding
76. The Secret History, Donna Tartt
77. The Woman In White, Wilkie Collins
78. Ulysses, James Joyce
79. Bleak House, Charles Dickens
80. Double Act, Jacqueline Wilson
81. The Twits, Roald Dahl
82. I Capture The Castle, Dodie Smith
83. Holes, Louis Sachar
84. Gormenghast, Mervyn Peake
85. The God Of Small Things, Arundhati Roy
86. Vicky Angel, Jacqueline Wilson
87. Brave New World, Aldous Huxley
88. Cold Comfort Farm, Stella Gibbons
89. Magician, Raymond E Feist
90. On The Road, Jack Kerouac
91. The Godfather, Mario Puzo
92. The Clan Of The Cave Bear, Jean M Auel
93. The Colour Of Magic, Terry Pratchett
94. The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho
95. Katherine, Anya Seton
96. Kane And Abel, Jeffrey Archer
97. Love In The Time Of Cholera, Gabriel García Márquez
98. Girls In Love, Jacqueline Wilson

99. The Princess Diaries, Meg Cabot
100. Midnight's Children, Salman Rushdie
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We're Living in the (Almost) Best of Times (2019-12-28 18:35)

The best of times, the worst of times. Your instinct on which one we're living through is affected by your basic temperament, but it also depends on how well you're observing – and quantifying – things in the world around you.

Temperamentally, in the United States – or at least in that loud, if not large, part of it dominated by political tweets – the overwhelming

weight of opinion, crossing party lines that are unusually rigid in this period of American history, is that we live in the worst of times.

President Donald Trump, enjoying all-but-unanimous support from Republicans in polls, tells us that we are living on the brink of disaster, at risk of being sucked under the sludge by vicious creatures of the swamp.

Trump opponents, including almost the whole of the Democratic Party and a tattered but still loudly chirping fragment of the Republican Party, assure us that we are entering the dark night of Nazism, racism and violent suppression of all dissenting opinion.

To which I say: Nonsense.

As does, in more elegant terms, science writer and British House of Lords voting member Matt Ridley in the British Spectator. "We are living through the greatest improvement in human living standards in history," he writes of the decade just ending.

Olden times – multiepisode dramas of Edwardian noblemen or statistics showing a narrower pay gap between 1950s CEOs and assembly line workers – may look better in warm memories. But cold hard statistics tell another story.

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"Extreme poverty has fallen below 10 per cent of the world's population for the first time," Ridley writes. "It was 60 per cent when I was born," which was in 1958, a year that some of us can actually remember.

Of course, you may say economic progress made since China and India discovered the magic of free markets has helped people over there but that over here, in advanced countries, we're not growing, just gobbling up and wolfing down more of the world's limited resources.

Not so, replies Ridley. Consumers in advanced countries are actually consuming less stuff (biomass, metals, minerals or fossil fuels) per capita, even while getting more nutrition and production from it. Thank technological advances and, yes, in some cases, government regulations.

We're also experiencing, as a world and in advanced countries and domestically, less violence and more in the way of peace. That's the argument of Harvard psychology professor Steven Pinker in his book "The Better Angels of Our Nature." Wars are infrequent and less deadly than in the past.

So is violent crime in the United States and other advanced nations. It used to be taken as given that disadvantaged young males, especially those minorities discriminated against, were hugely likely to commit violent crimes. Now, thanks to improved policing and changed attitudes, far fewer do so.

The natural tendency of most people is to ignore positive trends. They are neither the lead stories on your local newscast nor mentioned in shouting matches on cable news. People usually focus on complaints and grievances. And there are worrying negative countertrends, like the opioid abuse that has cut life expectancies down for some demographic groups.

And we tend to focus on negative trends, even after they've been reversed. Illegal border crossings peaked just before the 2007-08 financial crisis and are much fewer – though not zero – today. Low-skilled workers' wages for years rose little or not at all, as politicians of both parties complained. Since 2016, they've been rising faster than average, but only Trump's fans seem to have noticed; Democrats probably will if the trend continues when their party has the White House.

One can even make the case that where we lament sluggish economic growth – Japan since 1990, continental Europe since 2001, the U.S. from 2007 up through 2017 – judged in any historic perspective, living standards remain more than comfortable.

That's a reminder that the positive force of democratic politics tends to produce the negative force of cynical partisanship, visible today not just in Donald Trump's America but in most of Europe and much of Asia. But nationalistic politics has not undermined civil liberties, and the center-left's fumbling attempts to sell economic redistribution suggest that people are actually better off than their grumbles to pollsters suggest.

Of course bad things can happen in even the best of times, and a minor cloudburst can spoil a bright summer day. But at year's and decade's end, our grumbling society is closer to the best of times than to the worst of times

Cultural Winners and Losers of 2019 (2019-12-28 18:46)

As we end another year, our popular culture still revolves around President Donald Trump, and our news and entertainment conglomerates continue to be outraged that conservative Christians stick with him, so much so they are summarily ignored. Support him as, say, Franklin Graham and a vast majority of evangelicals have done and ... crickets. But what happens when evangelicals don't?

Happy days are here again. The left has lunged to promote an editorial by Christianity Today magazine that insists Trump must be removed from office. What the left understands – and some on the right still ignore – is that the cultural is far more powerful than the political. Thus, whenever a force on the cultural left flaps its wings, it is saluted. In the rare occasion that the entity advances the cultural right, it's slammed, or ignored.

But that's not necessarily how America sees it, thanks to social media that has done an end run around the press and told the truth. The left still dominates in the cultural space, but it no longer enjoys a monopoly. Let's look at the cultural winners and losers of 2019:

Loser: Jussie Smollett, the "Empire" actor and Hollywood race hoaxer who cost the taxpayers of Chicago more than \$130,000 for all the time it took police to look for a nonexistent hate crime. Nothing says viral like a black gay celebrity claiming he was beaten by red-hatted Trumpster thugs. For two weeks, the left went nuts. Celebrities, politicians and the "news" media convicted Trump World for what it had allegedly caused. And it never happened. And now all of America knows it.

Winners: the students of Covington Catholic High School. Speaking of viral sensations of "fake news" around Trump hats, these high school kids were smeared relentlessly for several days for allegedly making evil smirks at a Native American activist. But the Diocese of Covington launched an investigation and found "no evidence of offensive or racist statements." Again it was social media that spread the word to tens of millions across the country about the wrong done to the students. They were vindicated in the court of public opinion.

Winner: "Unplanned," the movie about Abby Johnson, who converted from Planned Parenthood clinic director to conservative Catholic activist. Major music labels refused to license songs for it. Cable-news channels refused to run ads for it. Newspaper film critics refused to review it. And yet the little film became the talk of social media. What Pure Flix delivered has done more to advance the pro-life cause than the National Right to Life Committee has accomplished in the past three decades.

Loser: the abortion industry. In September, the Planned Parenthood-affiliated Guttmacher Institute estimated that there were about 862,000 abortions in 2017, nearly 200,000 fewer than in 2011. The abortion rate – the number of abortions per 1,000 women ages 15 to 44 – dropped to 13.5 in 2017, the lowest rate since Roe v. Wade made abortion legal in 1973.

Loser: Gillette. In January, NPR touted a Gillette ad that attacked its own consumers. "The first half of the ad portrays males as boorish, sexually harassing women, mansplaining and bullying," NPR reported. It probably saw the ad as an anti-Trump message. The second half of the ad insisted men must change. The ad went viral. Then, Gillette dug in deeper. Shortly before Father's Day, the company launched an ad about a dad teaching his "son" – a biological girl – how to shave. Sales tanked. But the company claimed it wasn't the ads. It blamed "lower shaving frequency."

Loser: The Walt Disney Studios. It dominated the top-grossing movies, but superhero flicks like "Avengers: Endgame" and "Captain Marvel" pandered aerobically to feminists. And for all that energy, leftist sites like Slate still bashed the movies for being "too patronizing, too late." Why bother messing with superheroes

Railguns are in use by the U.S. navy in 2026 (2019-12-30 20:25)

After years of research and development, railguns are now in common use on U.S. naval ships.[1]* Unlike traditional artillery, which create force with explosive materials, the railgun is powered entirely by electricity from the ship's grid. It works by storing up a supply of electrical power, using what is called a pulse-forming network, which is then converted to an electromagnetic pulse. This travels up the barrel along parallel tracks of magnetic rails, forcing the projectile out of the gun, away from the power source.

The weapon is capable of firing an 18-inch metal projectile, itself equipped with complex internal guidance systems, over 100 miles at close to mach 6. This is fast enough to set the air around the projectile ablaze, while delivering it to targets in mere minutes. Explosive rounds are unnecessary, since the kinetic energy released upon impact yields more power than traditional bombs of much greater size. New rapid-fire systems allow for a launch rate of around ten per minute.

A number of technical issues first had to be overcome to reach this point though. Advances in materials technology were required to keep the barrel from wearing out after repeated firings, while the projectiles needed to be outfitted in a way that protected internal guidance systems during launch. New cooling techniques also had to be introduced. The guns themselves originally required more electricity than standard naval ships could provide. This was overcome with advances in energy efficiency, along with ultra-dense storage batteries.

In combat situations, the railgun offers major benefits. It has greater accuracy over extremely long ranges. It can be used as initial cover fire for marines landing on shore, or as a defense against incoming missiles and other threats. Ships armed with these hi-tech weapons are able to attack with virtual impunity, safe from almost any retaliatory strike. Railguns become widespread around the world in the 2030s, adopted by many other navies. This devastating form of weaponry provides a considerable advantage in modern conflicts.



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The ITER experimental fusion reactor is switched on in 2022 (2019-12-30 20:29)

Human-engineered fusion was already demonstrated on a small scale. The problem has been finding ways of scaling it up to commercial levels in an efficient, economical, and environmentally benign way.

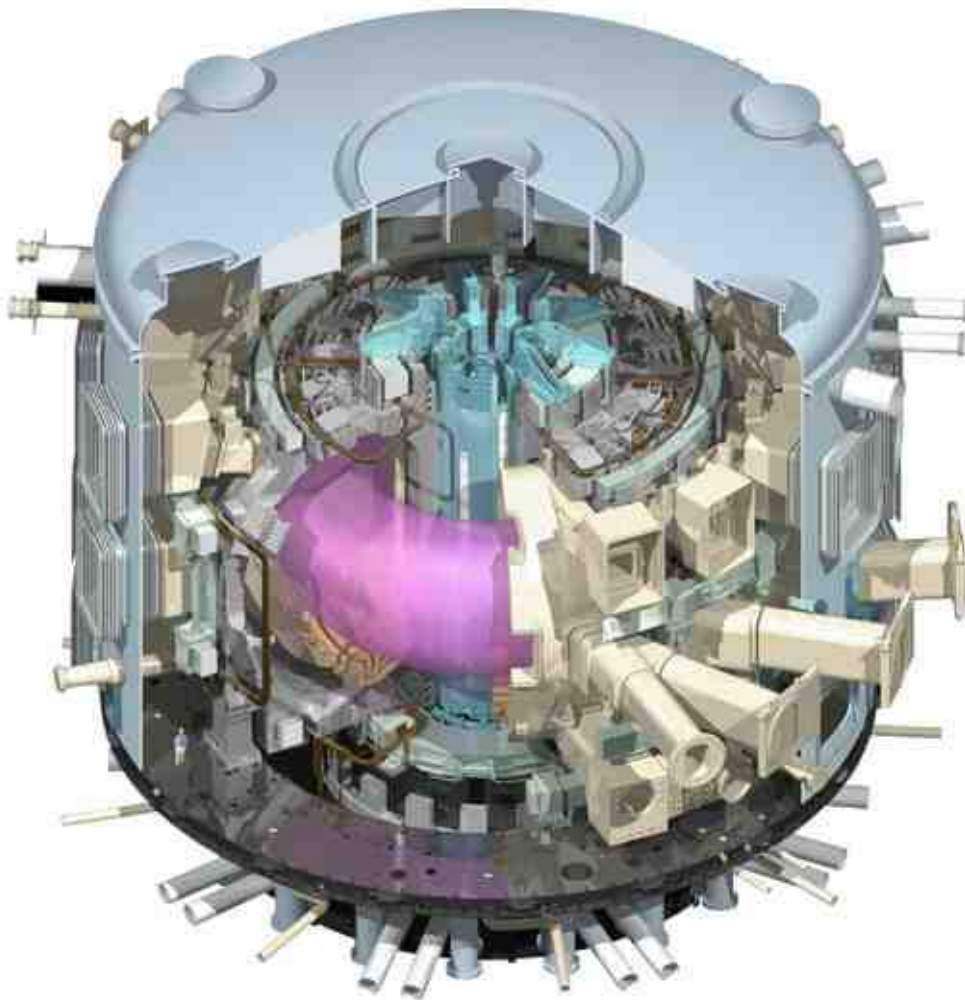
ITER – previously known as the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor – aims to be the first project to achieve this. Built in southern France at a cost of €20 billion, it has taken over a decade to construct and is among the largest scientific projects ever undertaken, second only to the International Space Station. This joint research experiment is funded by the US, EU, Japan, Russia, China, India and South Korea.

To demonstrate net fusion power on a large scale, the reactor must simulate the conditions at the Sun's core. For this, it uses a magnetic confinement device called a tokamak. This doughnut-shaped vacuum chamber generates a powerful magnetic field that prevents heat from touching the reactor's walls. Tiny quantities of fuel are injected into and trapped within the chamber. Here they are heated to 100 million degrees, forming a plasma. At such high temperatures, the light atomic nuclei of hydrogen become fused together, creating heavier forms of hydrogen such as deuterium and tritium. This releases neutrons and a huge amount of energy.

Following its operational activation in 2022,[1]* it is hoped that ITER will eventually produce over 500 megawatts of power, in bursts of 400 seconds or more. This compares with 16 MW for the Joint European Torus (JET) in 1997, the previous world record peak fusion power, which lasted only a few seconds.

ITER will require many more years before its reactor has been sufficiently perfected. To generate the sort of continuous levels of power required for commercial operation, it will need a way of holding the plasma in place at the critical densities and temperatures. This will need refinements in the design of the chamber, such as better superconducting magnets and advances in vacuum systems.

However, it could ultimately lead to a revolution in energy. If this project were to succeed, humanity would gain a virtually unlimited supply of clean, green electricity.[2]*



Credit: [3]ITER

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Ageism Still a 'Major' Problem in Tech (2020-01-01 22:39)

It's just flat out money. A position I applied for asked for a "3-5 year experienced systems programmer" on a particular platform, I called and told them I had over 20 years experience on it. The person I spoke to LITERALLY SAID, "We can only afford a 3 year experience guy". I told them I could easily make up the different just in system and performance improvements that I would know more about than a 3 year guy. I am afraid that this is far more than just a money issue. Even if more experienced workers agree to take the same rate as a jr. worker, they are still turned down or overlooked. The question is why? I find it truly ironic that companies will happily hire three H1 workers who together can sometimes do the work of one seasoned worker. I have literally gone into companies and successfully done the work of 3-4 people previously assigned the same tasks and goals – and I was coasting. Ultimately, it costs the company in productivity, far more than wages, when hiring less experienced workers. But somehow, companies still buy into the notion that cheap rates equal greater profits. I think one issue is we are still stigmatized with the idea that only "young people" get tech. This is nonsense, but the image prevails. Millennials in tech are getting the lion's share of promotions, scooping up 70 % of them, according to new data from software company Visier. Based on an aggregated database analysis of 300,000 employees from 43 companies (a subset of their customers), newly identified data shows that not only are technology companies hiring Millennials at a faster rate (they account for more than 43 % of all jobs in tech), but those same Millennials are also receiving the lion's share of promotional opportunities. As for the rest of the promotions, 25 % went to Gen X workers, and 4.3 % to Baby Boomers. Also, it was found that the frequency of promotions for tech workers rapidly decline after age 36. Follow Ladders on Flipboard! Follow Ladders' magazines on Flipboard covering Happiness, Productivity, Job Satisfaction, Neuroscience, and more! When asked if the numbers Visier uncovered looked unusual, Dave Weisbeck, chief strategy officer, said they did. "What the data does show is that there is a very huge disproportion of young hires [in tech], by comparison to all other industries," he said. While it was difficult to make accusations of ageism through data alone, Weisbeck said, "Bias is bias. So if you have bias, you should look to get rid of it." What he was more concerned about was the situation of older workers in tech – an industry where 40 is considered an "older worker." "I do worry about the bias against older workers, who are now in the twilight of their careers, and find themselves suddenly unemployable," he said. Ageism is an integral problem in the industry. In 2007, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said about his hiring practices, "Young people are just smarter." A recent survey showed that age discrimination for tech founders starts at age 36. Between 2

McConnell Gives an Update: Does Pelosi Have the Courage to Hand Over Articles of Impeachment For a Trial? (2020-01-04 22:50)

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is back in Washington D.C. today and gave an update from the floor on impeachment. "The Senate will soon have to address some of the deepest institutional questions contemplated by our Constitution. We'll have to decide whether we are going to safeguard core governing traditions or let short-term partisan rage overcome them," McConnell said. Before members of Congress went home for the Christmas and New Year recess, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced she would not be sending the articles of impeachment against President Trump to the Senate until she believed McConnell would conduct a "fair trial." During his remarks, McConnell stressed the Senate cannot move forward without the articles. "Ultimately House Democrats cared more about attacking President Trump than keeping their promises. So they rushed through a slapdash investigation. They

decided not to bother with the standard legal processes for pursuing witnesses and evidence," he said. "Democrats have let 'Trump derangement syndrome' develop into the kind of dangerous partisan fever that our founding fathers were afraid of." He also pointed out they did a sloppy job and want a do-over in the Senate, which isn't happening. "We've heard it claimed that the same House Democrats who botched their own process should get to reach into the Senate and dictate our process. We've heard claims that it's a problem that I have discussed trial mechanics with the White House, even as my counterpart the Democratic Leader is openly coordinating political strategy with Speaker Pelosi, who some might call the 'prosecution.' And we've heard claims that any senators who have formed opinions about House Democrats' irresponsible and unprecedented actions as they played out in view of the entire nation should be disqualified from the next phase. Obviously this is all nonsense," he continued, calling Pelosi's demands to mold the Senate trial a non-starter. "Their turn is over. They have done enough damage. It's the Senate's turn now – to render sober judgment as the framers envisioned. But we can't hold a trial without the articles. The Senate's own rules don't provide for that. So, for now, we are content to continue the ordinary business of the Senate while House Democrats continue to flounder. For now." "But if they ever muster the courage to stand behind their slapdash work product and transmit their articles to the Senate, it will be time for the United States Senate to fulfill our founding purpose," he concluded. As for a timeline, the House won't continue with any voting until Tuesday, January 7. Pelosi's office has given no indication about when or if she will be transmitting the articles of impeachment to Senate

The bottom line is that the new racism, born in academia, is just as ugly as the old racism. (2020-01-07 13:16)

A voter may dislike a black, homosexual or female candidate, but it's not likely that he would openly admit it. However, diversity-crazed leftist/progressive Democrats have openly condemned the physical characteristics of some of their 2020 presidential candidates. Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders are leading the polls despite the fact that they have been condemned as old white men. While Pete Buttigieg is homosexual, something that pleases diversity crazies, he is also a white man, young and religious. With Kamala Harris' departure from the race, the Democratic field has lost one of its persons of color. Another, Senator Cory Booker, stands at 2 % in the polls; his days are numbered. That means the only Democratic candidates polling high are those condemned as old white people — two men and one woman, Elizabeth Warren. LaTosha Brown, the co-founder of Black Voters Matter, said she was initially eager for Joe Biden to enter the race but now has second thoughts. Brown said: "I'm over white men running the country. I don't know if him (sic) getting in changes the field. He has name recognition, but his strength is also his weakness." Former presidential candidate Howard Dean lamented, "If we have two old white guys at the top of this ticket, we will lose." The newest entry into the presidential sweepstakes, Michael Bloomberg, had to apologize for what some see as his diversity insensitiveness namely that of calling fellow presidential candidate Cory Booker "well-spoken" in a TV interview. The New Jersey senator said he was "taken aback" by what he saw as Bloomberg's racist "trope." Michael Moore gave us his racist warning: "Two-thirds of all white guys voted for Trump. That means anytime you see three white guys walking at you, down the street toward you, two of them voted for Trump. You need to move over to the other sidewalk because these are not good people that are walking toward you. You should be afraid of them." This is the new racism, much of it learned and taught at our nation's colleges. George Orwell said, "Some ideas are so stupid that only intellectuals believe them." The stupid ideas about inclusion and diversity originate with academics on college campuses. If their ideas didn't infect the rest of society, they might be a source of entertainment. But these cancerous ideas have infected society. Statements such as "I'm over white men running the country," or "If we have two old white guys at the top of this ticket, we will lose" are examples of that cancer. Last year, Philip Carl Salzman wrote "The War Against White People" in *Minding the Campus*. He declared: "Anti-white hate is now mainstream American culture. Not just by racial extremists such as Black Lives Matter, for whom statements such as "all lives matter" or "blue lives matter" are racist. Our highest leaders sing the same song." When Barack Obama was campaigning for the presidency in 2008, he said of working-class white voters, "They get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations." During the 2016 presidential campaign, candidate Hillary Clinton claimed that half of Donald Trump's supporters were "a basket of deplorables" who were "racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic,

Islamophobic — you name it.” Do you think Clinton was talking about Trump’s black, Asian and Hispanic supporters? No, she was talking about millions of Trump’s white supporters. Then there’s Sarah Jeong, a member of The New York Times editorial board and graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and Harvard Law School. She expressed publicly many anti-white opinions. Among them are: “The world could get by just fine with zero white people.” “Dumbass f—ing white people marking up the internet with their opinions like dogs pissing on fire hydrants.” It’s “kind of sick how much joy I get out of being cruel to old white men.” I guarantee you that The New York Times would have fired any employee making similar statements about black, Hispanic or homosexual people.

Will the Economy in 2020 Roar or Whimper? (2020-01-07 21:39)

Let’s face it: 2019 is going to be a hard year to beat – stocks and 401(k) plans up more than 25 % on average, wage gains of 3 % to 5 %, 7 million surplus jobs and the lowest unemployment and inflation rates in nearly 50 years. That’s a lot to celebrate. Booms like this don’t happen by accident. The imperative is for Republicans to connect the dots between this banner year for the middle class and tax cuts, deregulation policies and pro-America energy production initiatives. So, will 2020 continue the winning streak? The only thing that we know for sure is that economists don’t know for sure. I’ll include myself in that category. The best I can do is provide reasons for optimism and reasons for pessimism. The case for optimism: No. 1: America has scored two big wins on the trade front. The biggest risk since President Donald Trump entered office was a freeze-up of the global trading system because of Trump tariffs. Now, with the concluding of the trade deal with Canada and Mexico and a very positive outlook for a trade win in the tariff wars against China, investors are bullish. The China deal takes an escalation of tariffs off the table for 2020. No. 2: The Federal Reserve is finally getting it right. A year ago, the Fed torpedoed the economy and the stock market fell by 2,500 points while GDP growth and investment stalled out. Now rates are lower, there is more dollar liquidity, and we have price stability with very little risk of inflation. CARTOONS | AF Branco View Cartoon No. 3: Trump tax cuts are working. The tax cuts have been a spectacular success in terms of job creation, wage hikes, profits and GDP growth. The chance of those tax cuts going away in 2020 is close to zero. If anything, we might see another small tax cut. In sum, the policy goals are turned toward growth. No. 4: Washington will be paralyzed with partisan gridlock in 2020. Good. When things are going well, less is more. So, what could go wrong? Here are four things to worry about: No. 1: The China trade deal could blow up. Beijing could back out (they’ve done it before), or they could start cheating. If either happens, Trump hammers them with more tariffs and we are back in a trade war. No. 2: Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, oh my! If markets start anticipating that any of these anti-growth candidates will win, stocks will tumble. If Trump loses, then we are talking Green New Deal, “Medicare for All,” capital gains taxes, wealth taxes and the end of the Trump tax cuts. To say this would be harmful to growth and stocks is a vast understatement. And if Trump loses to one of these candidates, the market could collapse. No. 3: The global economy could stay flat. It’s been stalled out for the last year or two, and if growth doesn’t boost in Europe and elsewhere, it’s going to negatively impact U.S. growth. We can’t keep carrying the world economy on our shoulders. No. 4: The housing bubble could burst again. Don’t look now, but Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are up to their old tricks, providing near-100 % loan guarantees on 2-3 % down payment loans. If housing values fall, defaults will soar, as they did in 2008 and 2009. Amazingly, the government has learned none of the lessons from the last housing meltdown. On balance, I’m with the bulls for 2020. Just don’t expect 25 % gains again this year.

Best Rock Bands (2020-01-07 21:46)

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54,978

34,855



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[2]The Beatles

Abbey Road, Revolver, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

See [3]The Best Beatles Songs

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57,154

29,940



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[5]Led Zeppelin

Led Zeppelin, Led Zeppelin IV, Led Zeppelin II

See [6]The Best Led Zeppelin Songs

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36,159

27,857



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[8]The Rolling Stones

Let It Bleed, Exile on Main St., Sticky Fingers

See [9]The Best Rolling Stones Songs

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59,805

19,799



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[11]Queen

A Night at the Opera, Queen, Innuendo

See [12]The Best Queen Songs

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44,829

25,572



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[14]Pink Floyd

The Wall, The Dark Side of the Moon, Wish You Were Here

See [15]The Best Pink Floyd Songs

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26,080

21,677



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[17]The Who

Who's Next, Tommy, Quadrophenia

[18]The Best Who Albums

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34,204

21,434



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[20]AC/DC

Back in Black, Highway to Hell, Let There Be Rock

See [21]The Best AC/DC Songs

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23,159

20,406



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[23]The Doors

The Doors, L.A. Woman, Strange Days

See [24]The Best Doors Albums

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28,360

16,768



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[26]Jimi Hendrix

First Rays of the New Rising Sun, Band of Gypsys, Voodoo Child: The Jimi Hendrix Collection

See [27]The Best Jimi Hendrix Songs

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29,217

25,663



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[29]Nirvana

Nevermind, In Utero, MTV Unplugged in New York

See [30]The Best Nirvana Songs

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[32]Eagles

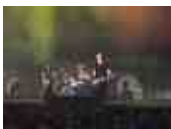
Hotel California, Eagles Greatest Hits, Volume 2

See [33]The Best Eagles Songs

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[35]Metallica

Master of Puppets, Ride the Lightning, Metallica

See [36]The Best Metallica Songs

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17,786

22,460



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[38]U2

The Joshua Tree, War, Achtung Baby

See [39]The Best U2 Songs

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26,345

18,412



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[41]Guns N' Roses

Appetite for Destruction, G N' R Lies, Use Your Illusion I

See [42]The Best Guns N' Roses Songs

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21,695

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[44]Aerosmith

Toys in the Attic, Pump, Permanent Vacation

See [45]The Best Aerosmith Songs

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20,612

14,328



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[47]Creedence Clearwater Revival

Green River, Cosmo's Factory, Willy and the Poor Boys

See [48]The Best Creedence Clearwater Revival Albums

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21,849

15,415



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[50]Black Sabbath

Paranoid, Black Sabbath, Heaven and Hell

See [51]The Best Black Sabbath Songs

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19,299

13,832



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[53]David Bowie

The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars, Hunky Dory, Diamond Dogs

See [54]The Best David Bowie Songs

19

14,529

15,738



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[56]The Beach Boys

Pet Sounds, Surfin' USA, Ultimate Christmas

See [57]The Best Beach Boys Songs

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17,171

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[59]Van Halen

Van Halen, 1984, Diver Down

See [60]The Best Van Halen Songs

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15,131

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[62]Fleetwood Mac

Rumours, Fleetwood Mac, Tango in the Night

See [63]The Best Fleetwood Mac Songs

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[65]Bob Dylan

Highway 61 Revisited, Blood on the Tracks, Blonde on Blonde

See [66]The Best Bob Dylan Songs

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12,734

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[68]The Police

Synchronicity, Ghost in the Machine, Zenyattà Mondatta

See [69]The Best Police Albums

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15,913

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[71]Eric Clapton

461 Ocean Boulevard, Crossroads, Pilgrim

See [72]The Best Eric Clapton Songs

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15,722

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[74]Lynyrd Skynyrd

(pronounced 'lěh-'nérd 'skin-'nérd), Second Helping, Gold

See [75]The Best Lynyrd Skynyrd Songs

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11,259

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[77]Cream

Disraeli Gears, The Very Best of Cream, Fresh Cream

See [78]The Best Cream Albums

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[80]Elvis Presley

Jailhouse Rock, The Sun Sessions, From Nashville to Memphis: The Essential '60s Masters

See [81]The Best Elvis Presley Songs

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[83]Deep Purple

Machine Head, Live in Japan, Deep Purple in Rock

See [84]The Best Deep Purple Songs

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15,627

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[86]Rush

Moving Pictures, 2112, Hemispheres

See [87]The Best Rush Songs

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12,054

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[89]Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers

The Last DJ, Damn the Torpedoes, Into the Great Wide Open

See [90]The Best Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers Albums

31

18,476

14,713



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[92]Red Hot Chili Peppers

Californication, Blood Sugar Sex Magik, Stadium Arcadium

See [93]The Best Red Hot Chili Peppers Songs

32

13,015

10,511



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[95]Pearl Jam

Ten, Vs., Vitalogy

See [96]The Best Pearl Jam Songs

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9,894

10,864



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[98]Bruce Springsteen

Born to Run, Born in the U.S.A., The Rising

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10,571

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[100]Journey

Escape, Frontiers, Evolution

See [101]The Best Journey Albums

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[103]Dire Straits

Brothers in Arms, Dire Straits, Making Movies

See [104]The Best Dire Straits Albums

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10,048

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[106]The Clash

London Calling, The Clash, Black Market Clash

See [107]The Best Clash Songs

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9,687

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[109]The Kinks

The Kinks Are the Village Green Preservation Society, Arthur (or The Decline and Fall of the British Empire), The Kink Kronikles

See [110]The Best Kinks Songs

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[112]Radiohead

Kid A, OK Computer, The Bends

See [113]The Best Radiohead Songs

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9,504



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[115]ZZ Top

Tres Hombres, Eliminator, Rio Grande Mud

See [116]The Best ZZ Top Songs

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[118]Green Day

American Idiot, Dookie, 21st Century Breakdown

See [119]The Best Green Day Songs

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[121]Foo Fighters

Wasting Light, The Colour and the Shape, Foo Fighters

See [122]The Best Foo Fighters Songs

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[124]Iron Maiden

52

The Number of the Beast, Iron Maiden, Powerslave

See [125]The Best Iron Maiden Songs

43

8,935

9,740



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[127]Ramones

Ramones, Rocket to Russia, End of the Century

See [128]The Best Ramones Songs

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Singers

Johnny Cash

44

9,504

7,377



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[131]Simon and Garfunkel

Bridge Over Troubled Water, Sounds of Silence, Bookends

See [132]The Best Simon and Garfunkel Songs

45

7,372

7,297



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[134]Genesis

The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway, Genesis, Foxtrot

See [135]The Best Genesis Songs

46

8,577

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[137]R.E.M.

Murmur, Green, Automatic for the People

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11,474

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[140]John Lennon

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48

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[143]Chuck Berry

The Great Twenty-Eight, Maybellene, Two Great Guitars

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[146]Bon Jovi

Slippery When Wet, New Jersey, Cross Road

54

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7,391



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[149]The Allman Brothers Band

At Fillmore East, Beginnings, Eat a Peach

See [150]The Best Allman Brothers Band Albums

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7,482

6,720



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[152]Boston

Boston, Greatest Hits, Third Stage

See [153]The Best Boston Songs

52

8,245

7,459



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[155]Def Leppard

Hysteria, Pyromania, On Through the Night

See [156]The Best Def Leppard Albums

53

8,606

7,440



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[158]Neil Young

Harvest, Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere, After the Gold Rush

See [159]The Best Neil Young Albums

[160]

Rock

Stevie Nicks

rising to #6 on

The Best Rock

54

6,912

6,868



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[162]Scorpions

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See [163]The Best Scorpions Albums

55

7,330

7,487



[164]

[165]Billy Joel

The Stranger, Piano Man, 52nd Street

See [166]The Best Billy Joel Songs

56

8,478

9,588



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[168]Kiss

Destroyer, Icon, Revenge

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57

6,007

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[171]Heart

Dreamboat Annie, Little Queen, Heart

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58

7,163

9,035



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[174]Michael Jackson

Thriller, Bad, Off the Wall

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59

7,620

5,876



[176]

[177]Santana

Abraxas, Supernatural, Legacy Edition

See [178]The Best Santana Songs

60

5,953

6,679



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[180]Jethro Tull

Aqualung, The Jethro Tull Christmas Album, Thick as a Brick

See [181]The Best Jethro Tull Albums

61

8,694

7,392



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[183]Ozzy Osbourne

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See [184]The Best Ozzy Osbourne Albums

62

5,718

5,817



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[186]Janis Joplin

Pearl, Big Brother & The Holding Company, Greatest Hits

See [187]The Best Janis Joplin Albums

63

5,449

5,626



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[189]Steve Miller Band

Fly Like an Eagle, Book of Dreams, Young Hearts

See [190]The Best Steve Miller Band Songs

4,981

5,721



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[192]Talking Heads

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65

6,175

5,319



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[195]Stevie Ray Vaughan

Couldn't Stand the Weather, In Step, Texas Flood

See [196]The Best Stevie Ray Vaughan Albums

66

5,946

6,295



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[198]Yes

Fragile, Close to the Edge, 90125

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67

5,707

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[201]Foreigner

4, Complete Greatest Hits, Agent Provocateur

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68

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[204]Buddy Holly

Buddy, 20 Golden Greats, What You Been A-Missin': What You've Been A-Missin'

See [205]The Best Buddy Holly Songs

69

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5,595



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[207]Chicago

Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago II, Chicago Christmas: What's It Gonna Be

See [208]The Best Chicago Songs

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4,374

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[210]The Velvet Underground

The Velvet Underground & Nico, Loaded, The Velvet Underground

See [211]The Best Velvet Underground Albums

71

6,197

5,154



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[213]Electric Light Orchestra

Out of the Blue, Time, A New World Record

60

See [214]The Best ELO Albums

72

5,477

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[215]

[216]Soundgarden

Superunknown, Badmotorfinger, Down on the Upside

73

7,499

4,581



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[218]Paul McCartney

Flaming Pie, Ram, McCartney

74

5,094

6,162



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[220]Grateful Dead

American Beauty, Europe '72 (disc 1), Aoxomoxoa

75

5,880

5,740



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[222]Alice Cooper

Welcome to My Nightmare, Hey Stoopid, Brutal Planet

See [223]The Best Alice Cooper Albums

76

4,556

5,198



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[225]Steely Dan

Pretzel Logic, Aja, Countdown to Ecstasy

77

5,078

6,253



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[227]The Smashing Pumpkins

Siamese Dream, Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness, Oceania

78

4,749

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[229]The Cure

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79

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[231]Styx

The Grand Illusion, Paradise Theatre, Pieces of Eight

80

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[233]Crosby, Stills, Nash

Déjà vu, 4 Way Street, Crosby

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5,865

6,847



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[235]Oasis

(What's the Story) Morning Glory?, Definitely Maybe, Don't Believe the Truth

82

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[237]Coldplay

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83

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4,232



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[239]Blondie

Parallel Lines, Heart of Glass, Blondie

84

5,938

5,910



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[241]Alice in Chains

Dirt, Alice in Chains, Facelift

85

4,644

4,376



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[243]The Cars

Candy-O, The Cars, Just What I Needed: The Cars Anthology

86

4,096

4,444



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[245]The Yardbirds

Over Under Sideways Down, Gold, The Very Best Of

87

3,942

5,298



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[247]The Band

The Band, Music From Big Pink, The Last Waltz

88

4,412

4,819



[248]

[249]Bad Company

Bad Company, What You Hear Is What You Get: The Best of Bad Company, Burnin' Sky

64

89

4,338

4,346



[250]

[251]Jefferson Airplane

Surrealistic Pillow, Volunteers, Bark

90

5,519

3,972



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[253]George Harrison

All Things Must Pass, Cloud Nine, Living in the Material World

91

4,342

6,374



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[255]Sex Pistols

Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols, The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle

92

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[257]Supertramp

Breakfast in America, Crime of the Century, Even in the Quietest Moments...

93

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[259]Linkin Park

Hybrid Theory, Living Things, Meteora

94

3,991

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[261]The Moody Blues

Days of Future Passed, Long Distance Voyager, In Search of the Lost Chord

95

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[263]Kansas

Point of Know Return, Leftoverture, Kansas

96

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1,485



[264]

[265]The Jimi Hendrix Experience

Electric Ladyland, Are You Experienced, Axis: Bold as Love

97

5,167

6,128

66



[266]

[267]Rage Against the Machine

Rage Against the Machine, Evil Empire, The Battle of Los Angeles

98

3,581

4,550



[268]

[269]Cheap Trick

Cheap Trick at Budokan, In Color, Dream Police

99

4,565

4,660



[270]

[271]Blue Öyster Cult

Agents of Fortune, Tyranny and Mutation, Fire of Unknown Origin

100

3,870

3,886



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[273]Paul McCartney and Wings

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Best Country artists (2020-01-07 22:04)

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[2]Johnny Cash

American V: A Hundred Highways, American IV: The Man Comes Around, At Folsom Prison

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[4]George Strait

Pure Country, The Road Less Traveled, Merry Christmas Strait to You

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[6]Merle Haggard

A Country Christmas With Merle Haggard, I'm a Lonesome Fugitive / Mama Tried, Last of the Breed

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[8]Willie Nelson

Heroes, Pretty Paper, Countryman

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[10]Hank Williams

Cold, Cold Heart, Beyond the Sunset

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[12]George Jones

Essential George Jones: The Spirit of Country, Let's Build A World Together, A Picture of Me (Without You)

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[14]Waylon Jennings

Dreaming My Dreams, A Man Called Hoss, Good Hearted Woman

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[16]Dolly Parton

Once Upon a Christmas, The Ultimate Collection, The Grass Is Blue

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[18]Alan Jackson

Let It Be Christmas, Honky Tonk Christmas, Thirty Miles West

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[20]Garth Brooks

Songs from Call Me Claus, Garth Brooks & The Magic of Christmas, Beyond the Season

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[22]Patsy Cline

Patsy Cline, Walkin' After Midnight, Patsy Cline Showcase

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[24]Alabama

Christmas Vol. II, Alabama Christmas, Feels So Right

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[26]Kenny Rogers

Christmas, Once Upon a Christmas, Christmas in America

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[28]Loretta Lynn

Van Lear Rose, Coal Miner's Daughter, A Country Christmas

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[30]Conway Twitty

Hello Darlin', Louisiana Woman, Mississippi Man

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[32]Hank Williams, Jr.

Old School New Rules, Three Hanks: Men With Broken Hearts, That's How They Do It in Dixie: The Essential Collection

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[34]Glen Campbell

That Christmas Feeling, A Glen Campbell Christmas, Home for the Holidays

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[36]Randy Travis

An Old Time Christmas, Worship & Faith, Heroes & Friends

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[38]Charley Pride

There's a Little Bit of Hank in Me, Christmas in My Home Town, Best of the Best: Inducted into the Hall of Fame 2000

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[40]Tim McGraw

Live Like You Were Dying, Two Lanes of Freedom, Please Remember Me

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[42]Marty Robbins

A Christmas Remembered, Christmas With Marty Robbins, Marty! (disc 2)

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[44]Brooks & Dunn

It Won't Be Christmas Without You, Hillbilly Deluxe, Red Dirt Road

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[46]Dwight Yoakam

Buenas Noches From a Lonely Room, 3 Pears, Come On Christmas

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[48]John Denver

Rocky Mountain Christmas, Christmas Like a Lullaby, A Christmas Together

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Top 1000 Hiphop and Rap songs (2020-01-08 22:06)

0001. Wu-Tang Clan – C.R.E.A.M.
0002. Geto Boys – Mind Playin’ Tricks
0003. Notorious B.I.G. – Juicy
0004. Scarface – I Seen A Man Die
0005. Jay-Z – Dead Presidents II
0006. Pete Rock & CL Smooth – T.R.O.Y. (They Reminisce Over You)
0007. Nas – The World Is Yours
0008. Mobb Deep – Shook Ones Part II
0009. Notorious B.I.G. – Everyday Struggle
0010. 2Pac – Old School
0011. Eminem – Infinite
0012. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Thuggish Ruggish Bone
0013. Public Enemy – Shut Em’ Down (Pete Rock Remix)
0014. Dr. Dre feat. Snoop Dogg – Nuthin’ But A G-Thang
0015. Notorious B.I.G. – Ten Crack Commandments
0016. Eric B. & Rakim – Paid In Full
0017. Nas – The Message
0018. Souls Of Mischief – 93 ‘Til Infinity
0019. Makaveli – Krazy
0020. Method Man & Redman – Da Rockwilder
0021. Jay-Z – Feelin’ It
0022. Black Moon – I Gotcha’ Opin (Remix)
0023. Snoop Dogg – Gin N’ Juice
0024. Luniz – I Got 5 On I
0025. Outkast – Players Ball (Original Version)
0026. Nas – N.Y. State Of Mind
0027. Blackstar – Mos Def & Talib Kweli – Thieves In The Night
0028. 2Pac – So Many Tears
0029. KRS One – MC’s Act Like They Don’t Know
0030. Notorious B.I.G. feat. Method Man – The What
0031. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Tha Crossroads
0032. A Tribe Called Quest – Can I Kick It
0033. Common – The 6th Sense
0034. Craig Mack feat. Notorious B.I.G. – Flava In Ya Ear (Remix)
0035. Warren G – Regulate
0036. Eminem – Lose Yourself
0037. Method Man feat. Mary J. Blige – All I Need
0038. Big Daddy Kane – Ain’t No Half Steppin’
0039. Outkast – ATLiens

0040. Jay-Z – 99 Problems
0041. 2Pac – Keep Ya Head Up
0042. Slick Rick – Children’s Story
0043. GZA Genius feat. Method Man – Shadowboxin’
0044. Mos Def – Mathematics
0045. Pharcyde – Passing Me By
0046. Notorious B.I.G. – Things Done Changed
0047. Nas – Memory Lane (Sittin’ In Da Park)
0048. Pharoahe Monch feat. Common & Talib Kweli – The Truth
0049. Naughty By Nature – Hip Hop Hooray
0050. Big L – Put It On
0051. MC Eiht – Streiht Up Menace
0052. Lord Finesse – Hip 2 Da Game
0053. Crooklyn Dodgers ’95 – Return Of The Crooklyn Dodgers
0054. Dead Prez – It’s Bigger Than Hip Hop
0055. Kool G Rap – I’ll Street Blues
0056. Dr. Dre – Keep Their Heads Ringin’
0057. LL Cool J – Around The Way Girl
0058. 2Pac – Pour Out A Little Liquor
0059. Gang Starr – Mass Appeal
0060. Nas – One Mic
0061. Notorious B.I.G. – Big Poppa
0062. Warren G – This DJ
0063. Ice Cube – Today Was A Good Day
0064. AZ – Rather Unique
0065. Raekwon – Heaven & Hell
0066. Jay-Z – D’ Evils
0067. Big Pun – You Ain’t A Killer
0068. A Tribe Called Quest – We’ve Got The Jazz
0069. Black Sheep – The Choice Is Yours
0070. Slug – God’s Bathroom Floor
0071. 2pac feat. Scarface – Smile
0072. Mobb Deep – Quiet Storm
0073. Ahmad – Back In The Day
0074. Public Enemy – Welcome To The Terrordome
0075. Zion I – Let It Flow ft. The Grouch
0076. Killah Priest feat. Tekitha & Hell – One Step
0077. The Roots – What They Do
0078. Blackstreet feat. Dr. Dre & Foxy Brown – No Diggity
0079. UGK – Ridin’ Dirty
0080. AZ feat. Nas – Life’s A Bitch
0081. DMX – Ruff Ryder’s Anthem
0082. Ghostface Killah – Mighty Healthy
0083. Blackstar feat. Common – Respiration
0084. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony feat. Notorious B.I.G. – Notorious Thugz
0085. Scarface feat. Ice Cube – Hand Of The Dead Body
0086. Wu-Tang Clan – Protect Ya Neck
0087. Outkast – Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik
0088. Brand Nubians – Slow Down
0089. Lost Boyz – Renee (Remix)

0090. 2Pac – Brenda’s Got A Baby
0091. KRS One – Boogie Down Productions – My Philosophy
0092. Binary Star – Reality Check
0093. NWA – Fuck Tha Police
0094. Paperboy – Ditty
0095. Black Moon – Who Got Da Props
0096. Dj Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince – Summertime
0097. UGK – One Day Your Here, Then Your Gone
0098. Brother Ali – Uncle Sam Goddamn
0099. GZA Genius feat. Ghostface Killah – 4th Chamber
0100. Common – I Used To Love H.E.R.
#101 – #200
0101. Dilated Peoples – Worst Comes To Worst
0102. Raekwon feat. Wu-Tang – Ice Cream
0103. O.C. – Time’s Up
0104. 2Pac – I Get Around
0105. Audio Two – Top Billin’
0106. Nas – It Ain’t Hard To Tell
0107. Jay-Z – Dead Presidents (Original)
0108. Notorious B.I.G. – I Got A Story To Tell
0109. Artifacts – Wrong Side Of The Tracks
0110. Big Daddy Kane – Smooth Operator
0111. Funkdoobiest – Rock On
0112. Crooklyn Dodgers – Crooklyn
0113. Mos Def – Ms. Fat Booty
0114. Eric B. & Rakim – Don’t Sweat The Technique
0115. MOP – Ante Up
0116. Naughty By Nature – O.P.P.
0117. 2Pac feat. Dr. Dre – California Love (Remix)
0118. Snoop Dogg – What’s My Name
0119. De La Soul – Me, Myself & I
0120. EPMD – You Gots To Chill
0121. CNN Capone N’ Noreaga feat. Nas – Calm Down
0122. Do Or Die – Po’ Pimp
0123. Big Daddy Kane – Warm It Up, Kane
0124. DMX – Slippin’
0125. Beanie Sigel – Feel It In The Air
0126. Gang Starr – Take It Personal
0127. Nas – Represent
0128. Wu-Tang Clan – Triumph
0129. Blu and Exile – Cold Hearted
0130. Dr. Dre feat. Eminem – Forgot About Dre
0131. Jeru The Damaja – Come Clean
0132. Run DMC – It’s Tricky
0133. OutKast – Rosa Parks
0134. UGK – Hi Life
0135. A Tribe Called Quest – Scenario
0136. Lupe Fiasco – Daydreamin’
0137. Rappin’ 4 Tay – Playaz Club
0138. Sage Francis – Broken Wings

0139. Too Short – I'm A Player
0140. The Roots – Guns are Drawn
0141. 2Pac – Life Goes On
0142. Scarface feat. Nas & T-Boz – In Between Us
0143. Eric B. & Rakim – Microphone Fiend
0144. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – 1st Of The Month
0145. RJD2 feat. Cunninlynguists & Masta Ace – Seasons
0146. The Last Emperor – Secret Wars
0147. Celly Cell feat. E-40 – It's Going Down Tonight (Remix)
0148. Talib Kweli – Get By
0149. Erick Sermon feat. Marvin Gaye – Just Like Music
0150. Luniz feat. Too Short, Richie Rich & E-40 – I Got 5 On It (Remix)
0151. Do Or Die – Playa Like Me & You
0152. Little Brother – Dreams
0153. Immortal Technique – Dance With The Devil
0154. Nas – Halftime
0155. Big L – Ebonics
0156. 2Pac – Dear Mama
0157. Grand Puba – I Like It
0158. Digable Planets – Rebirth of Slick (Cool Like Dat)
0159. Lil' Wayne – Tha Mobb
0160. Scarface – Mind Playin' Tricks '94
0161. Dr. Dre – Let Me Ride
0162. Mobb Deep feat. Nas & Raekwon – Eye For An Eye
0163. Rakim – When I B On Tha Mic
0164. Devin The Dude feat. Snoop Dogg & Andre 3000 – What A Job
0165. Nas feat. AZ, Cormega & Foxy Brown – Affirmative Action
0166. Geto Boys – I Tried
0167. A Tribe Called Quest – Bonita Applebaum
0168. OutKast – Bombs Over Baghdad
0169. Jedi Mind Tricks feat. GZA Genius – On The Eve Of War
0170. Snoop Doggy Dog feat. Nate Dogg, Warren G & Kurupt – Ain't No Fun
0171. 2Pac – Bury Me A G
0172. Notorious B.I.G. – Warning
0173. NWA – Straight Outta Compton
0174. Styles P – Good Times (I Get High)
0175. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Foe Tha Love Of \$
0176. Pharoahe Monch – Queens
0177. RJD2 – Ghostwriter
0178. OutKast – Jazzy Belle
0179. Pharcyde – Runnin'
0180. Dr. Dre feat. Snoop Dogg – The Next Episode
0181. Jay-Z – Song Cry
0182. Devin The Dude – Alright
0183. 2Pac – Picture Me Rollin'
0184. The Firm feat. Canibus – Desperados
0185. Eric B. & Rakim – Eric B. For President
0186. Ariano feat. Prime – R.I.P To The Radio
0187. Pete Rock & CL Smooth – Take You There (9th Wonder Remix)
0188. Eminem – Drug Ballad

0189. Coolio – Gangsta’s Paradise
 0190. Da Brat – Funkdafied
 0191. Lupe Fiasco – The Coolest
 0192. Shyne feat. Barrington Levy – Bad Boys
 0193. Smiff ‘N’ Wessun – Let’s Get It On
 0194. Big Pun – Still Not A Player
 0195. 2Pac – Ambitionz Az A Ridah
 0196. Lords of the Underground – Chief Rocka
 0197. Cam’Ron – Killa Cam
 0198. Masta Ace – Beautiful
 0199. Grandmaster Flash – The Message
 0200. Nas feat. Lauryn Hill – If I Ruled The World
 #201 – #300
 0201. Snoop Dogg feat. Dr. Dre – Imagine
 0202. Nas – Street Dreams
 0203. 2Pac – Only God Can Judge Me
 0204. Jay-Z – Fallin’ (2007)
 0205. Notorious B.I.G. feat. Faith Evans – One More Chance (Remix)
 0206. Joell Ortiz – Hip-Hop
 0207. Do Or Die – Still Po’ Pimpin’
 0208. Craig Mac – Flava In Ya Ear
 0209. Dr. Dre – Xxplosive (1999)
 0210. Geto Boys – Damn It Feels Good To Be A Gangster
 0211. AZ – Your World Don’t Stop
 0212. House Of Pain – Jump Around
 0213. Twista – Sunshine
 0214. Warren G feat. Mack 10 – I Want It All
 0215. LL Cool J – 4,3,2,1
 0216. Kanye West – Spaceship
 0217. Raekwon – Incarcerated Scarfaces
 0218. CNN Capone N’ Noreaga – Invincible
 0219. Jay-Z – Hard Knock Life (The Ghetto Anthem)
 0220. 2Pac feat. Snoop Dogg – 2 Of Amerikaz Most Wanted
 0221. Queen Latifah – U.N.I.T.Y.
 0222. Blu & Exile – The World Is Below The Heavens
 0223. The Fugees – Ready Or Not
 0224. Public Enemy – Fight The Power
 0225. Special Ed – I Got It Made
 0226. Cypress Hill – How I Could Just Kill A Man
 0227. Eazy E – Boyz-In-The-Hood
 0228. Big L – Danger Zone
 0229. Raekwon feat. Nas – Verbal Intercourse
 0230. A Tribe Called Quest feat. L.O.N.S. – Scenario (Remix)
 0231. Notorious B.I.G. – Machine Gun Funk
 0232. KRS One – Boogie Down Productions – The Bridge Is Over
 0233. 2Pac – Ain’t Hard 2 Find
 0234. Jay-Z feat. Scarface & Beanie Sigel – This Can’t Be Life
 0235. Gang Starr – Code Of The Streets
 0236. Hi-Tek feat. Donte Main Flow & Crunch – Breakin’ Bread
 0237. Common – Go

0238. Snoop Dogg – Murder Was The Case
0239. Method Man & Redman – How High
0240. Styles P feat. Pharoahe Monch – My Life
0241. Common feat. Kanye West – The Food
0242. Wu-Tang Clan – Tearz
0243. Living Legends – Moving At The Speed Of Life
0244. Twista – Dreams
0245. Mos Def – Hip-Hop
0246. Devin The Dude – Just Tryin' Ta Live
0247. J-Live – Them That's Not
0248. Ghostface Killah feat. Mary J. Blige – All That I Got Is You
0249. Noreaga – Sometimes
0250. Makaveli – To Live & Die In L.A
0251. Eminem – Murder, Murder
0252. Lil' Wayne – Hustler Musik
0253. Outkast – Elevators (Me & You)
0254. A Tribe Called Quest – Stressed Out
0255. Dr. Dre feat. Snoop Dogg – Deep Cover
0256. Group Home – Supa Star
0257. Edo G – Sayin' Somethin'
0258. Eric B. & Rakim – Lyrics Of Fury
0259. Too Short – Gettin' It
0260. Dr. Dre – Still D.R.E.
0261. Canibus – 2nd Round Knockout
0262. Intelligent Hoodlum – Grand Groove
0263. Mobb Deep – Survival Of The Fittest
0264. 2Pac – Shorty Wanna Be A Thug
0265. Lupe Fiasco – Hip-Hop Saved My Life
0266. De La Soul – Ego Trippin'
0267. Ice Cube – 100 Dollar Bill Ya'll
0268. Bone Thugs N' Harmony feat. 2Pac – Thug Love
0269. Salt N Pepa – Push It
0270. Makaveli – Me & My Girlfriend
0271. The Game – Dreams
0272. Dj Quik – Jus Lyke Compton
0273. EPMD – Da Joint
0274. Naughty By Nature – Feel Me Flow
0275. Scarface – Now I Feel Ya
0276. Jurassic 5 – Quality Control
0277. MOP – How About Some Hardcore
0278. Common – The Bitch in Yoo
0279. Young Jeezy feat. Jay-Z & Fat Joe – Go Crazy (Remix)
0280. 2Pac – It Ain't Easy
0281. Common – Resurrection
0282. Memphis Bleek – It's Alright
0283. Scientifik – Lawtown
0284. AZ – Problems
0285. Jay-Z – Can't Knock The Hustle
0286. Lil' Troy – Wanna Be A Baller
0287. KRS One – Boogie Down Productions – Step Into The World

0288. Jay-Z – Regrets
0289. Outkast – Two Dope Boys
0290. Jay-Z feat. Too \$hort – A Week Ago
0291. Kanye West – All Falls Down
0292. 2Pac – Me Against The World
0293. Beatnuts feat. Big Pun & Cuban Link – Off The Books
0294. Jadakiss – Why ft. Anthony Hamilton
0295. Public Enemy – Rebel Without A Pause
0296. RZA – Grits
0297. Hell Razah feat. Crooked I – Halos
0298. Mobb Deep – Hoodlum ft. Rakim & Big Noyd
0299. Immortal Technique feat. Mos Def & Eminem – Bin Laden
0300. Jay Electronica – Eternal Sunshine
#301 – #400
0301. Show & AG – Next Level
0302. Cunninlynguists – Linguistics
0303. Pete Rock & CL Smooth – Straighten It Out
0304. Atmosphere – Yesterday
0305. Method Man – Meth vs. Chef
0306. Big L – MVP
0307. Raekwon – Guillotine Swordz
0308. Paris – What Would You Do
0309. Aesop Rock – Daylight
0310. Notorious B.I.G. – Hypnotize
0311. Makaveli – Hail Mary
0312. Das EFX – Baknaffek
0313. Aasim – Hip-Hop 101
0314. Outkast – Aquemini
0315. Jay-Z feat. Notorious B.I.G. – Brooklyn’s Finest
0316. UGK – Pocket Full Of Stones
0317. Nas – Rewind
0318. The Fugees – Fu-gee-la
0319. GZA Genius – B.I.B.L.E. (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth)
0320. DJ Cool – Let Me Clear My Throat
0321. The Firm – Phone Tap
0322. Wu-Tang Clan – Wu-Tang Clan Ain’t Nothing To Fuck Wit’
0323. CNN Capone N’ Noreaga – Halfway Thug
0324. Mobb Deep feat. Jadakiss, Jay-Z & Nas – Win Or Lose
0325. O.C. – Getaway
0326. Da Bush Babees – We Run Things (Like That)
0327. Lupe Fiasco – Kick, Push
0328. Biz Markie – Just A Friend
0329. Common – The Light
0330. Fat Joe – Flow Joe
0331. 2Pac – Ratha Be Ya Nigga
0332. Naughty By Nature – Jamboree
0333. Group Home – Livin’ Proof
0334. Bun B feat. Scarface & Young Jeezy – Pushin’
0335. Black Moon – Reality
0336. Akon feat. Styles P – Locked Up (Remix)

0337. Nipsey Hussle feat. The Game – They Roll
0338. Blackstar – Mos Def & Talib Kweli – Definition
0339. Ol' Dirty Bastard – Brooklyn Zoo
0340. Brotha Lynch Hung – Refuse To Lose
0341. Arrested Development – Everyday People
0342. Slum Village – Reunion
0343. Young Jeezy feat. Akon – Soul Survivor
0344. Method Man & Redman – How High Part II
0345. LL Cool J – I Need Love
0346. Common – The Corner
0347. Eric B. & Rakim – Mahogany
0348. Jurassic 5 – Concrete Schoolyard
0349. 2Pac – I Wonder If Heaven Got A Ghetto (Hip-Hop Version)
0350. Nas – Take It In Blood
0351. The Game feat. 50 Cent – Hate It Or Love It
0352. Marley Marl – The Symphony
0353. OutKast – Miss Jackson
0354. Killah Priest – Happy
0355. DMX – The Convo
0356. GZA Genius – Fame
0357. Ice T – You Played Yourself
0358. Devin The Dude – Right Now
0359. Mobb Deep – Temperatures Rising
0360. Talib Kweli feat. Morcheeba – Let Me See
0361. Gang Starr – The Militia
0362. Eminem – It's Ok
0363. 2Pac – How Long Will They Mourn Me
0364. A Tribe Called Quest – Check the Rhime
0365. Jay-Z – Heart of the City (Ain't No Love)
0366. Big Daddy Kane – Set It Off
0367. Blu & Exile – Narrow Path
0368. E-40 feat. Suga Free – 'Til The Dawn
0369. Dead Prez feat. Outlawz – Fork In The Road
0370. Wu-Tang Clan – Can It Be All So Simple
0371. Do Or Die feat. Twista – Paper Chase
0372. Outkast feat. Slick Rick – Da Art Of Story Telling Part I
0373. Dilated Peoples – You Can't Hide, You Can't Run
0374. Nas – One Love
0375. Big L feat. 2Pac – Deadly Combination
0376. Xzibit – The Foundation
0377. Smiff 'N' Wessun – Bucktown (Remix)
0378. Xzibit – Paparazzi
0379. 2Pac – I Ain't Mad At Cha
0380. Scarface – A Minute To Pray And A Second To Die
0381. Memphis Bleek – I Get High
0382. Young Buck feat. The Outlawz – Driving Down The Freeway
0383. Papoose – Born In NYC
0384. Twista – Emotions
0385. Sage Francis – Makeshift Patriot
0386. A Tribe Called Quest – Electric Relaxation

0387. Scarface feat. Z-Ro – On My Grind
 0388. Rakim – It's Been A Long Time
 0389. LL Cool J feat. Foxy Brown & Fat Joe – I Shot Ya
 0390. Wu-Tang Clan – Reunited
 0391. Jay-Z – Encore
 0392. Chubb Rock – Lost In The Storm
 0393. Wordsworth – Shoulder
 0394. Eminem – Sing For The Moment
 0395. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Resurrection
 0396. Nas – If Heaven Was A Mile Away
 0397. The Game feat. Marsha Of Floetry – Start From Scratch
 0398. UGK feat. Outkast – International Players Anthem
 0399. 2Pac – Do For Love
 0400. Brother Ali – Forest Whitiker
 #401 – #500
 0401. Notorious B.I.G. – Mo Money Mo Problems
 0402. Lord Tariq & Peter Gunz – Deja Vu (Uptown Baby)
 0403. Murs feat. 9th Wonder – Yesterday & Today
 0404. Ghostface Killah – Iron Maiden
 0405. Royce Da 5'9" – I'm The King
 0406. Common – A Dream
 0407. Blackstar – Mos Def & Talib Kweli – Brown Skin Lady
 0408. Jay-Z – Lost Ones ft. Chrissette Michel
 0409. M.O.P. – Here Today Gone Tomorrow
 0410. Rakim – After You Die
 0411. 50 Cent – Power Of The Dollar
 0412. InI – Grown Man Sport
 0413. OutKast – So Fresh & So Clean
 0414. Nas – One Time 4 Your Mind
 0415. Kool G Rap – Streets Of New York
 0416. 2Pac – Lord Knows
 0417. Public Enemy – Black Steel In The Hour Of Chaos
 0418. Eminem – Brain Damage
 0419. De La Soul – Eye Know
 0420. Cypress Hill – Roll It Up, Light It Up, Smoke It Up (Inhale, Exhale)
 0421. Eric B. & Rakim – Move The Crowd
 0422. Rob Base & DJ E-Z Rock – It Takes Two
 0423. DJ Quik – Tonite
 0424. Scarface – Mary Jane
 0425. Gang Starr feat. Nice 'N Smooth – Dwyck
 0426. Onyx – Slam
 0427. One Be Lo – Propaganda
 0428. Common – Misunderstood
 0429. Memphis Bleek – Straight Path
 0430. 2Pac – R U Still Down (Remember Me)
 0431. Jurassic 5 – What's Golden
 0432. Pharcyde – Drop
 0433. Method Man feat. Jonell – Round And Round
 0434. OutKast – Roses
 0435. Xzibit – What You See Is What You Get

0436. Junior Mafia feat. Notorious B.I.G. – Player’s Anthem
0437. Run DMC – My Adidas
0438. Ice Cube – A Bird In The Hand
0439. Spice 1- Strap On The Side
0440. Ill Bill – American History X
0441. Eminem feat. Dr. Dre – Guilty Conscience
0442. Goodie Mob feat. Outkast – Cell Therapy
0443. Mac Lethal – A Cool Breeze
0444. Ghostface Killah feat. The RZA – Nutmeg
0445. Dead Prez – Animal in Man
0446. Afrika Bambaata – Planet Rock
0447. Das EFX – They Want EFX
0448. Notorious B.I.G. – Unbelievable
0449. Youngbloodz feat. Outkast & C-Lo – 85 South
0450. 529. Hieroglyphics – Make Your Move
0451. Mobb Deep – Hell On Earth
0452. Scarface – No Tears
0453. Big Mike – Playa Playa
0454. Ludacris – Slap
0455. 2Pac – Changes
0456. Large Professor – Ijuswannachill
0457. Twista – Get It Wet
0458. LL Cool J feat. Total – Loungin’
0459. De La Soul – Stakes Is High
0460. Big Pun and Fat Joe – Twinz (Deep Cover)
0461. Kanye West – Through The Wire
0462. Murs – The Science
0463. Wu-Tang Clan – Gun Will Go
0464. The Game – LAX Files
0465. Mobb Deep – Still Shinin’
0466. Nice and Smooth – Sometimes I Rhyme Slow
0467. KRS One – Boogie Down Productions – Dope Beat
0468. Special Ed – I’m The Magnificent
0469. 2Pac – Wonda Why They Call U Bitch
0470. Do Or Die feat. Twista – Do U
0471. Sugarhill Gang – Rapper’s Delight
0472. Keith Murray – The Most Beautifullest Thing In This World
0473. Ludacris feat. Trick Daddy – Hopeless
0474. Masta Ace – Take A Walk
0475. Jeru The Damaja – Scientific Madness
0476. 5150 – Games People Pla
0477. Big Daddy Kane – Young, Black & Gifted
0478. Swollen Members – Put Me On
0479. Jay-Z – Moment Of Clarity
0480. Public Enemy – 911 Is A Joke
0481. Beanie Sigel – Nothing Like It
0482. 2Pac – Starin’ Through My Rear View
0483. Immortal Technique – Harlem Streets
0484. Ol’ Dirty Bastard – Shimmy Shimmy Ya
0485. Blu & Exile – Show Me the Good Life

0486. Gang Starr feat. Jadakiss – Rite Where U Stand
0487. Nas – You're Da Man (2001)
0488. Ghostface Killah feat. Method Man, Redman, & Cappadonna – Apollo Kids
0489. Run DMC – Rock Box
0490. Jay Electronica – Exhibit C
0491. Method Man feat. D'Angelo – Break Ups 2 Make Ups
0492. Gang Starr feat. Sticky Fingaz – Full Clip (RZA Remix)
0493. Wiz Khalifa – Feels Good
0494. Camp Lo – Sparkle
0495. 9th Wonder & Buckshot – Ready (Brand New Day)
0496. Bishop Lamont – Grow Up
0497. 2Pac – All Eyez On Me
0498. Geto Boys – Six Feet Deep
0499. Big L feat. Jay-Z – Da Graveyard
0500. Main Source feat. Nas – Live At The Barbeque
#501 – #600
0501. EPMD feat. M.O.P – The Symphony Part I
0502. Notorious B.I.G. feat. Diddu – What's Beef
0503. Camp Lo – Coolie High
0504. Reks – How Can It Be
0505. A Tribe Called Quest – 8 Millions Stories
0506. Kool G Rap feat. Nas – Fast Life
0507. 50 Cent – Many Men (Wish Death)
0508. Dr. Dre – Fuck Wit Dre Day
0509. D.O.C. – Funky
0510. Smif N' Wessun – Stand Strong
0511. 2Pac – How Do You Want It
0512. Kurtis Blow – The Breaks
0513. DMX – Party Up
0514. So Solid Crew – Broken Silence
0515. Big L & Jay-Z – 7 Minute Freestyle
0516. Immortal Technique – Creation & Destruction
0517. Cannibal Ox – Tippin Dominoes (RJD2 Remix)
0518. Binary Star – Freakin' Flows
0519. Joell Ortiz feat. Joe Budden, Royce The 5'9 & Crooked I – Move On
0520. Kid Capri – The Apollo
0521. D.I.T.C. – Day One
0522. Atmosphere – If I Was Santa Clause
0523. C-Bo – Stompin' in My Steel Toes
0524. Kanye West – Can't Tell Me Nothing
0525. Ice Cube – What Can I Do
0526. Mobb Deep – G.O.D. III (Godfather)
0527. Outkast – Claimin' True
0528. Gang Starr – Step In The Arena
0529. Pharoahe Monch – Simon Says
0530. Canibus – Master Thesis
0531. The Coup – Laugh Love Fuck
0532. Spice 1 – 187 He Wrote
0533. Naughty By Nature – Craziest
0534. Notorious B.I.G. – Going Back To Cali

0535. Ghostface Killah – Cher Chez La Ghost
0536. Snoop Dogg – Ups & Downs
0537. Eminem feat. Royce Da 5'9" – Bad Meets Evil
0538. Cypress Hill – Hits From The Bong
0539. Organized Konfusion – Stray Bullet
0540. Fabolous – Breathe
0541. Reef The Lost Cauze – Sound Of Philadelphia
0542. Devin The Dude – Doobie Ashtray
0543. O.C. – Word...Life
0544. Raekwon feat. Lyfe Jennings – Catalina
0545. Shyne feat. Barrington Levy – Bonnie N' Shyne
0546. Eric B. & Rakim – I Know You Got Soul
0547. Black Moon – Black Smif 'N Wesson
0548. Run DMC – King Of Rock
0549. Lost Boyz – Me & My Crazy World
0550. Eminem – Superman
0551. Dead Prez – They Schools
0552. Mobb Deep – Get Away
0553. 9th Wonder and Buckshot – Food For Thought
0554. Immortal Technique – The Point Of No Return
0555. Viktor Vaughn feat. Apani B – Let Me Watch
0556. Dj Quik feat. Nate Dogg – Black Mercedes
0557. E-40 – Hope I Don't Go Back
0558. Makaveli – Hold Ya Head
0559. Common feat. Dwele – People
0560. D12 – Fight Music
0561. Murs – Walk Like A Man
0562. Notorious B.I.G. feat. Total – Can't You See
0563. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – East 1999
0564. Lauryn Hill – Doo Wop! That Thing
0565. Method Man & Redman – Cereal Killer
0566. Birdman feat. Lil Wayne – Neck Of The Woods
0567. Jedi Mind Tricks – I Against I
0568. The Last Emperor – Meditation
0569. The Game – Westside Story
0570. Eminem – Rock Bottom
0571. DMX feat. Method Man & Nas & Ja Rule – Grand Finale
0572. Ja Rule – Only Begotten Son
0573. Cypress Hill – Hand On The Pump
0574. Jay Electronica – Exhibit A
0575. Nick Cannon feat. Anthony Hamilton – Can I Live
0576. Richie Rich – Do G's Get To Go To Heaven
0577. Salt N Pepa – Shoop
0578. Dj Quik feat. AMG – California
0579. Nieve & Cook – Priceless Few
0580. Killarmy – Wu-Renegades
0581. Birdman feat. Lil' Wayne – 1st Key
0582. Common – In My Own World (Check The Method)
0583. Stetsasonic – Talkin' All That Jazz
0584. Scarface – Safe

0585. A Tribe Called Quest – Award Tour
0586. Old Dominion – Parallel to Hell
0587. Cunninlynguists – Beautiful Girl
0588. Mac Dre & Mac Mall – Mac-A-Frama-Lama
0589. Pharoahe Monch – Welcome To The Terrordome
0590. Talib Kweli – Stand To The Side
0591. Big Daddy Kane – Wrath Of Kane
0592. Beanie Sigel – The Truth
0593. Jay-Z – Never Change
0594. The Roots feat. Erykah Badu – You Got Me
0595. Atmosphere – Party For The Fight To Write
0596. Killah Priest feat. Nas – The Saints
0597. Big Mike – Burban & Impalas
0598. The Game feat. Busta Rhymes – Like Father, Like Son
0599. Big L – Street Struck
0600. Arrested Development – Mr. Wendal
#601 – #700
0601. The Pharcyde – Otha Fish
0602. The Last Emperor – Secret Wars Part II
0603. A Tribe Called Quest – Buggin’ Out
0604. Rick Ross – Everyday I’m Hustling
0605. Jay-Z – Big Pimpin’
0606. Busta Rhymes – Dangerous
0607. Little Brother – All For You (2005)
0608. Big Pun – It’s So Hard ft. Donnell Jones
0609. Eminem feat. Nate Dogg – ‘Till I Collapse
0610. R. A. The Rugged Man – Uncommon Valor, A Vietnam Story
0611. Ol’ Dirty Bastard – Baby I Got Your Money
0612. GZA Genius – Animal Planet
0613. Method Man & Redman – Do What Ya Feel
0614. 2Pac – Holla At Me
0615. Eminem feat. Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Nate Dogg & Xzibit – Bitch Please II
0616. Cunninlynguists – 616 Rewind
0617. AZ – Mo Money, Mo Murder
0618. Souls Of Mischief – Live & Let Live
0619. Styles P feat. Floetry – I’m Black
0620. Lil’ Rob – California
0621. Eric B. & Rakim – Know The Ledge
0622. Ghostface Killah feat. Raekwon – Motherless Child
0623. DangerDoom – Sofa King
0624. Devin The Dude – One Day At A Time
0625. Nas feat. Prodigy – Self Conscience
0626. Notorious B.I.G. feat. Angela Winbush & Jay-Z – I Love The Dough
0627. Jay Rock feat. Lil Wayne – All My Life
0628. Geto Boys – World Is A Geto
0629. Fredro Starr – True Colors
0630. Madvillain – All Caps
0631. Ludacris feat. Twista & Jagged Edge – Freaky Thangs
0632. InI – Center Of Attention
0633. Edo G feat. Pete Rock & Masta Ace – Wishing

0634. DMX feat. Drag-On, Jadakiss & Eve – Ruff Ryders Anthem (Remix)
0635. Johnson & Jonson feat. John Lennon – Hold On John
0636. Smif N' Wessun – Keep It Moving
0637. Public Enemy – He Got Game
0638. The Jacka feat. Mistah F.A.B. – Callin' My Name
0639. Naughty By Nature feat. Big Pun – We Could Do It
0640. Living Legends – Never Falling Down
0641. Kidz In The Hall – Wheelz Fall Off
0642. M.O.P. – Cold As Ice
0643. Talib Kweli – Where Do We Go
0644. Jurassic 5 – Freedom
0645. Raekwon feat. Ghostface Killah, Method Man & RZA – Wu-Gambinos
0646. Hieroglyphics feat. Goapele – Soweto
0647. Eightball & MJG feat. Notorious B.I.G. & Project Pat – Relax And Take Notes
0648. Ghostface Killah – One
0649. Big Daddy Kane – Raw
0650. The Alchemist feat. Maxwell & Twista – Smile
0651. 2Pac – Outlaw
0652. Slum Village – Look Of Love (9th Wonder Re-Remix)
0653. Scarface feat. Nas – Favor For A Favor
0654. Mac Mall – Lets Get A Telly
0655. LL Cool J feat. Boyz II Men – Hey Lover
0656. Eric B. & Rakim – Follow the Leader
0657. Jadakiss feat. Nate Dogg – Kiss Is Spitting
0658. Nas – Get Down
0659. Ras Kass – Soul On Ice (Remix)
0660. Method Man – Even If
0661. Immortal Technique – Land Of The Gun
0662. Drake feat. Trey Songz & Lil Wayne – Successful
0663. Big L – Fall Back
0664. Busta Rhymes – Break Ya Neck
0665. Zion I – Finger Paint
0666. InI – Fakin' Jax
0667. Jay-Z – Lucifer
0668. Eightball & MJG – My Homeboy's Girlfriend
0669. Cypress Hill – Insane In The Brain
0670. Deep Puddle Dynamics – June 26th 1998
0671. Comptons Most Wanted – Hood That Took Me Under
0672. T.I. – Live In The Sky
0673. 2Pac feat. Nas – Thugz Mansion (Acoustic)
0674. Eminem – Tonight (1996)
0675. The Lox feat. Lil Kim & DMX – Money, Power, Respect
0676. GZA Genius – Investigative Reports
0677. The Roots – Section
0678. Ghostface Killah – The Champ
0679. Talib Kweli – The Blast
0680. Brotha Lynch Hung – One Mo' Pound
0681. Jay-Z feat. Alicia Keys – Empire State Of Mind
0682. Warren G – So Many Ways
0683. Visionaries – If You Can't Say Love

0684. Notorious B.I.G. feat. 112 – Sky Is The Limit
0685. Devin The Dude – To Tha X-Treme
0686. LL Cool J – Mama Said Knock You Out
0687. Cypress Hill – Throw Your Set In The Air
0688. O.C. – Born 2 Live
0689. Scarface – Keep Me Down
0690. Mobb Deep – Streets Raised Me
0691. Atmosphere – Smart Went Crazy
0692. Common – Thisisme
0693. Delinquent Habits – Tres Delinquentes
0694. Digital Underground – The Humpty Dance
0695. Ill Bill – The Anatomy Of A School Shooting
0696. Jurassic 5 – Thin Line
0697. Papoose – Flashback
0698. Cyne – Pretty Apollo
0699. DMX – We Right Here
0700. Immortal Technique – Peruvian Cocaine
#701 – #800
0701. Mac Dre – Since '84
0702. Notorious B.I.G. – Ready To Die
0703. K-OS – The Love Song
0704. 3rd Bass – The Gas Face
0705. South Park Mexican – I Must Be High
0706. Eminem feat. Dido – Stan
0707. Mobb Deep feat. The Alchemist & Nina Sky – Hold You Down
0708. Dr. Dre – The Watcher
0709. The Roots – The Seed (2.0)
0710. Mos Def – Summertime
0711. LL Cool J – Rock The Bells
0712. Lords of the Underground – Funky Child
0713. KRS One – The MC
0714. Busta Rhymes – Put Your Hands
0715. Dj Quik feat. Jodeci – Quikstrumental
0716. Ludacris – MVP
0717. Lloyd Banks – I'm So Fly
0718. Lord Finesse – Bad Mutha
0719. Nas – I Gave You Power
0720. Living Legends – Nothing Less
0721. Lil' Wayne – Walk In (2004)
0722. Eric B. & Rakim – My Melody
0723. 2Pac – Can't C Me
0724. Jay-Z – Reservoir Dogs ft. L.O.X & Beanie Sigel
0725. Big L – Platinum Plus
0726. Dr. Dre – The Roach (The Chronic Outro)
0727. Black Moon – How Many MC's
0728. Styles P feat. Jae Hood – Nobody Believes Me
0729. Rappin' 4 Tay feat. Too Short – Playa's Holiday
0730. Notorious B.I.G. – Respect
0731. 50 Cent – The Good Die Young
0732. AZ – The Come Up

0733. Company Flow – 8 Steps To Perfection
0734. King Tee – Played Like a Piano
0735. Skee-Lo – I Wish
0736. Keith Murray – Get Lifted
0737. Killah Priest – The Offering
0738. Ludacris – Georgia
0739. Atmosphere – Sunshine
0740. Gang Starr feat. K-Ci & Jojo – Royalty
0741. DMX – I Can Feel It
0742. Scarface feat. Master P – Homies & Thugs
0743. The Roots feat. Musiq Soulchild – Break You Off
0744. 2Pac – My Block (Remix)
0745. Devin The Dude – I Can't Make It Home
0746. DMX – Let Me Fly
0747. Das EFX – No Diggedy
0748. Defari feat. Alchemist – Lowlands Anthem
0749. Promoe – Poor Lonesome Homeboy
0750. Eminem – The Way I Am
0751. Cypress Hill – Tequila Sunrise
0752. Afu-Ra – Equality
0753. Chamillionaire feat. Krayzie Bone – Ridin'
0754. Talib Kweli – Hot Thing
0755. Binary Star – Slang Blade
0756. OutKast – The Way You Move
0757. Notorious B.I.G. feat. The Madd Rapper – Kick In The Door
0758. Big L – The Big Picture
0759. Tone Loc – Wild Thing
0760. Akrobatik – Remind My Soul
0761. Nappy Roots – AwwNaww
0762. Chubb Rock – Treat 'Em Right
0763. Beanie Sigel – I Can't Go On This Way
0764. Redman – Pick It Up (1996)
0765. Lupe Fiasco – Muhammad Walks (Jesus Walks Mix)
0766. Cormega – American Beauty
0767. T.I – Lets Get Away
0768. Dilated Peoples – Work The Angles
0769. LL Cool J – I'm Bad
0770. Brother Ali – Take Me Home
0771. Drake feat. Eminem, Kanye West & Lil Wayne – Forever
0772. Jurassic 5 – A Day At The Races
0773. Mobb Deep – Drop A Gem On 'Em
0774. A Tribe Called Quest – We Can Get Down
0775. Young Jeezy – Tear It Up
0776. Common – Testify
0777. Ras Kass feat. Xzibit & Saafir – 3 Card Molly
0778. The Beatnuts – Let Off A Couple
0779. Dead Prez feat. Jay-Z – Hell Yea (Remix)
0780. Do Or Die – Fantasy
0781. InI – Microphonist Wanderlust
0782. EPMD – Strictly Business

0783. Krayzie Bone – Thug Mentality
0784. Puff Daddy feat. Notorious B.I.G. – It's All About The Benjamins (Remix)
0785. Non Phixion – Rock Stars
0786. Ja Rule – Put It On Me
0787. Zion I & The Grouch – Silly Puddy
0788. Tela – Tired Of Ballin'
0789. XV – Fall Out The Sky
0790. Camp Lo – Luchini (This Is It)
0791. Black Sheep – Flavor Of The Month
0792. Jedi Mind Tricks feat. Killah Priest – Saviorself
0793. Trick Daddy feat. Cee-Lo & Big Boi – 'Dro In The Wind (Remix)
0794. Jay-Z – Takeover
0795. The Game feat. Faith Evans – Don't Need Your Love
0796. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Look Into My Eyes
0797. GZA Genius – Cold World
0798. Wu-Tang Clan feat. Raekwon & M.O.P. – I'll Figures
0799. Raekwon – Criminology
0800. Mos Def feat. Dj Honda – Travellin' Man
#801 – #900
0801. Blu & Exile – Dancing in the Rain
0802. Eric B. & Rakim – I Ain't No Joke
0803. Snoop Dogg feat. Nate Dogg – Lay Low
0804. Madvillain – Figaro
0805. Brotha Lynch Hung feat. Doomsday Productions – Black Market
0806. Notorious B.I.G. feat. R. Kelly – Fucking You Tonight
0807. B Real, Busta Rhymes, Coolio, LL Cool J & Method Man – Hit 'Em High
0808. The Last Emperor – One Life
0809. 2Pac – Heartz Of Men
0810. D.I.T.C. – Dignified Soldiers
0811. Cam'Ron feat. Prodigy – Losin' Weight
0812. Run DMC feat. Aerosmith – Walk This Way
0813. Jay-Z – Can I Live
0814. Mos Def – Umi Says
0815. Papoose – You Made Your Choice
0816. Devin The Dude – Do What You Wanna Do
0817. Immortal Technique – You Never Know
0818. Consequence feat. Kanye West – The Good, The Bad, The Ugly
0819. Snoop Dogg – Gz And Hustlas
0820. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Budsmokers Only
0821. P.S.D. – Every Damn Day I Smoke Dank
0822. Paul Wall – Did I Change
0823. Funkdoobiest – Lost in Thought
0824. E Reece & Core Elements – Everything (Take Me Back Remix)
0825. GZA Genius – Hip Hop Fury
0826. Big Pun – John Blaze
0827. Lil' Wayne feat. Robin Thicke – Shoot Me Down
0828. 50 Cent – How To Rob A Industry Nigga
0829. Mobb Deep – Give Up The Goods (Just Step)
0830. DMX – Look Thru My Eyes
0831. X-Raided – Macaframalama

0832. Notorious B.I.G. feat. The Game & Faith Evans – 1970 Somethin’
0833. Cage – Agent Orange
0834. Coolio – C U When U Get There
0835. Scarface – Jesse James
0836. Common feat. Bilal – U Black, Maybe
0837. The Fugees – How Many Mics
0838. Puff Daddy – I’ll Be Missing You
0839. Rhymefest feat. Citizen Cope – Bullet
0840. Dilated Peoples feat. Kanye West – This Way
0841. Juvenile – Ha
0842. Boot Camp Clik – And So
0843. The Jaz feat. Jay-Z – The Originators
0844. DangerDoom feat. Ghostface Killah – The Mask
0845. Dru Down feat. Luniz – Ice Cream Man
0846. T.I – Why You Wanna
0847. Too Short – Freaky Tales
0848. Shaggy – Angel
0849. Jay-Z – Where I’m From
0850. Lords of the Underground – Here Come The Lords
0851. Redman – Tonight’s Da Night
0852. Nice & Smooth – Funky For You
0853. Drake feat. Nipsey Hussle – Killer
0854. Organized Konfusion feat. O.C. – Fudge Pudge
0855. The Game – Angel
0856. Makaveli – Toss It Up
0857. Snoop Dogg – Lodi Dodi
0858. Jurassic 5 feat. Dave Matthews Band – Work it Out
0859. Masta Ace – Alphabet Soup
0860. Ghostface Killah – We Made It
0861. MC Serch – Here It Comes
0862. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Ecstasy
0863. InI – Think Twice (2002)
0864. Lil’ Kim feat. Notorious B.I.G. – Crush On You
0865. Gift of Gab – The Ride Of Your Life
0866. Marco Polo feat. Masta Ace – Nostalgia
0867. Too Short – The Ghetto
0868. Bun B feat. Trey Songz, Mike Jones & Baby – Hold U Down
0869. Group Home – Tha Realness
0870. Notorious B.I.G. – Party & Bullshit
0871. Lil’ Wayne feat. Jay-Z – Mr. Carter
0872. Dead Prez – Mind Sex
0873. Notorious B.I.G. – Who Shot Ya
0874. 2Pac – Letter 2 My Unborn
0875. Talib Kweli – Africa Dream
0876. Black Sheep – Similak Child
0877. The Beatnuts – Watch Out Now
0878. Ice Cube feat. Das Efx – Check Yo Self (Remix)
0879. Jay-Z – Death Of Auto-Tune
0880. Eminem – Open Mic
0881. Jungle Brothers – Doin’ Our Own Dang

0882. 5150 – Bump A Bitch
0883. Hell Razah – AudioBiography
0884. 50 Cent – Ghetto Qu’ran
0885. Da Brat – Give It 2 You (Remix)
0886. Spice 1 – Welcome To The Ghetto
0887. Big Tone feat. Davina – That Good Life
0888. Notorious B.I.G. – Suicidal Thoughts
0889. Petey Pablo – Raise Up (2001)
0890. Pharoahe Monch feat. Showtime – Desire
0891. Bone Thugs-N-Harmony – Buddah Lovaz
0892. Black Rob – Like Whoa
0893. Sadat X feat. Common – 1-9-9-9
0894. RJD2 – Smoke & Mirrors
0895. LL Cool J – I Can’t Live Without My Radio
0896. Redman – How To Roll A Blunt
0897. Raekwon – Glaciers Of Ice
0898. Benefit – Proceed With Caution
0899. Beanie Sigel – Die
0900. The Game – The Documentary
#901 – #1000

0901. Junior M.A.F.I.A. feat. The Notorious B.I.G. – Get Money
0902. Kidz In The Hall – Driving Down The Block (West Coast Remix)
0903. Nas – N.I.G.G.E.R. (The Slave & The Master)
0904. Mic Geronimo – Train Of Thought
0905. 2Pac – Heaven Ain’t Hard 2 Find
0906. Heltah Skeltah – Leflaur Leflah Eshkoshka
0907. Devin The Dude – I Can’t Quit
0908. Jay-Z feat. Memphis Bleek – From Marcy To Hollywood
0909. Nas feat. Quan – Just A Moment
0910. Eve – Let Me Blow Ya Mind
0911. Joell Ortiz – 125 Part I (The Bio)
0912. Ghostface Killah feat. Raekwon & Cappadonna – Daytona 500
0913. Run DMC – Run’s House
0914. Wu-Tang Clan – M-E-T-H-O-D Man
0915. Kurupt feat. Pete Rock – Yessir
0916. Messy Marv & San Quinn – Smile
0917. Masta Ace – Acknowledge
0918. Jay-Z – Say Hello
0919. Ultramagnetic MC’s – Ego Trippin’
0920. Candyman – Knockin’ Boots
0921. Das EFX – Real Hip Hop (Pete Rock Remix)
0922. GZA Genius – Liquid Swords
0923. Little Brother – Can’t Win For Losing
0924. Del Tha Funkee Homosapien – Mistadobalina
0925. The Roots – Act Too (Love Of My Life)
0926. Notorious B.I.G. feat. 112 & Mase – Only You
0927. N2Deep – Back To The Hotel
0928. Nine – We Play 4 Keeps
0929. Jaylib – The Red

0930. Gravediggaz – Unexplained
0931. Jedi Mind Tricks feat. Sean Price – Blood Runs Cold
0932. Playaz Circle feat. Lil' Wayne – Duffle Bag Boy
0933. Tech N9ne feat. Eminem – Three (Unreleased)
0934. LL Cool J – No Airplay
0935. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – Otherside
0936. GZA Genius – Duel Of The Iron Mic
0937. Raekwon feat. Ghostface Killah & Cappadonna – 10 Bricks
0938. The Game feat. Lil Wayne – My Life
0939. Diamond D & The Psychotic Neurotics – I Went For Mine
0940. Q-Ball & Curt Cazal – My Kinda Moves
0941. T.I – What You Know
0942. Viktor Vaughn – Vaudeville Villain
0943. Slick Rick & Doug E Fresh – La Di Da Di
0944. Scarface – On My Block
0945. Drake – Fear
0946. Goodie Mob – Black Ice
0947. Lil' Wayne feat. Reel – I Miss My Dawgs
0948. Devin The Dude – It's A Shame
0949. Originoo Gunn Clappaz – No Fear
0950. Andre Nikatina – Ayo For Yayo
0951. J-Live feat. POS & Oddisee – The Upgrade
0952. LA the Darkman – City Lights
0953. Pharoahe Monch – Broken Heart
0954. Smif 'N Wessun – Timz 'N Hood Chek
0955. Kris Kross – Jump
0956. Masta Killa – Ringing Bells
0957. Prodigy – Keep It Thoro
0958. 2Pac – Hellrazor
0959. Nelly – Ride With Me
0960. Naughty By Nature – Ghetto Bastard
0961. The Game – Bang Along
0962. Snoop Dogg – Neva Hafta Worry
0963. Saigon – The Rules
0964. Royal Flush – Worldwide
0965. Raekwon feat. Ghostface Killah & Method Man – New Wu
0966. A Tribe Called Quest – Excursions
0967. Charles Hamilton – Brooklyn Girls
0968. Brother Ali – Think It Through
0969. Digital Underground – The Humpty Dance
0970. Slick Rick – Mona Lisa
0971. Hypnotist – Eyes Wide Open
0972. E-40 feat. The Click – Captain Save A Hoe
0973. Outkast – West Savannah
0974. Biz Markie – Vapors
0975. Mack 10 – The Testimony
0976. J. Cole – Lights Please
0977. Common – The Game
0978. Blaq Poet – Ain't Nuttin' Changed
0979. Chubb Rock – Just the Two Of Us

- 0980. Cassie feat. Busta Rhymes, Red Cafe & Day26 – It Must Be Love (Remix)
- 0981. Mo' Thugs feat. Layzie & Krayzie Bone- Ghetto Cowboy
- 0982. Mos Def feat. Talib Kweli – History
- 0983. Crooked I feat. Akon – Dream Big
- 0984. KRS One & Buckshot feat. Talib Kweli – Oh Really
- 0985. Immortal Technique feat. Big Zoo – Positive Balance
- 0986. Jermaine Dupri feat. Keith Sweat – Going Home With Me
- 0987. Hell Razah feat. Talib Kweli & Viktor Vaughn – Project Jazz
- 0988. Ludacris – What's Your Fantasy
- 0989. Shyheim – On & On
- 0990. Kanye West – Jesus Walks
- 0991. Do Or Die – Lil' Ghetto Boy
- 0992. Sir-Mix-A-Lot – Baby Got Back
- 0993. Dolla – Georgia Nights
- 0994. Dyme Def – Let It Be
- 0995. Fashawn – Life As A Shorty
- 0996. Elzhi – Motown 25
- 0997. Kool Moe Dee – How Ya Like Me Now
- 0998. Zion I feat. K.Flay – Coastin'
- 0999. EPMD – Head Banger
- 1000. Smif-N-Wessun – Sound Bwoy Burell

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Really appreciate your efforts on writing this informative Post

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1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te8sHw54TWk>

Top 1000 trance songs (2020-01-11 21:05)

1. Delerium feat. Sarah McLachlan – Silence (Tiësto's In Search Of Sunrise Remix)
2. Rank 1 – Airwave (Original Mix)
3. Motorcycle – As The Rush Comes (Gabriel & Dresden Sweeping Strings Remix)
4. Paul Oakenfold – Southern Sun (DJ Tiësto Remix)
5. Armin Van Buuren & Jan Vayne – Serenity (Original Mix)
6. Oceanlab – Satellite (Original Above & Beyond Mix)
7. Gaia – Tuvan (Original Mix)

8. Above & Beyond feat. Zoe Johnston – No One On Earth (Gabriel & Dresden Remix)
9. Gouryella – Gouryella (Original Mix)
10. Sasha – Xpander (Original Mix)
11. Paul van Dyk – For An Angel (Original Mix)
12. Armin van Buuren ft. Sharon Den Adel – In And Out Of Love (Original Mix)
13. System F – Out Of The Blue (Original Mix)
14. Yahel & Eyal Barkan – Voyage (Tiësto's Magikal Remake)
15. William Orbit – Barber's Adagio For Strings (Ferry Corsten Remix)
16. Dash Berlin feat. Emma Hewitt – Waiting (Original Mix)
17. Bedrock – Heaven Scent (Original Mix)
18. Chicane – Saltwater (Original Mix)
19. Above & Beyond feat. Andy Moor – Air for Life (Original Mix)
20. Cass & Slide – Perception (Original Mix)
21. Push – Strange World (2000 Remake)
22. Binary Finary – 1998 (Gouryella Remix)
23. System F feat. Armin van Buuren – Exhale (Original Mix)
24. Ferry Corsten feat Betsie Larkin – Made Of Love (Original Mix)
25. DJ Tiësto – Flight 643 (Original Mix)
26. Armin van Buuren – Blue Fear (Original Mix)
27. Andain – Beautiful Things (Gabriel & Dresden's Unplugged Mix)
28. Veracocha – Carte Blanche (Original Mix)

29. Armin van Buuren & Dj Shah feat. Chris Jones – Going Wrong (Armin Van Buuren's Extended Mix)
30. Dash Berlin – Till The Sky Falls Down (Original Mix)
31. DJ Tiësto – Adagio For Strings (Original Mix)
32. Armin van Buuren – Shivers (Original Mix)
33. Push – Universal Nation (Original Mix)
34. Alibi – Eternity (Armin van Buuren Rising Star Mix)
35. Ferry Corsten – Beautiful (Original Mix)
36. Above & Beyond pres. Oceanlab – Miracle (Above Beyond Club Mix)
37. Sunlounger feat.Zara – Lost (Original Mix)
38. ATB – 9PM (Original Mix)
39. Markus Schulz – The New World (Original Mix)
40. Faithless – Insomnia (Original Mix)
41. Armin van Buuren – Communication (Original Mix)
42. Above & Beyond presents OceanLab – On A Good Day
43. Way Out West feat. Tricia Lee Kelshall – Mindcircus (Gabriel & Dresden Club Mix)
44. John O'Callaghan Feat. Sarah Howells – Find Yourself (Cosmic Gate Remix)
45. The Thrillseekers – Synaesthesia (Club Mix)
46. DJ Tiësto – Traffic (Original Mix)
47. Energy 52 – Cafe Del Mar (Original Mix)
48. 4 Strings – Take Me Away (into The Night) (Original Mix)
49. Armin van Buuren Feat. Justine Suissa – Burned With Desire (Rising Star Mix)

50. Conjure One – Tears From The Moon (DJ Tiësto's In Search Of Sunrise Mix)
51. OceanLab – Clear Blue Water (Ferry Corsten Remix)
52. Alex M.O.R.P.H. feat. Ana Criado – Sunset Boulevard (Original Mix)
53. Armin van Buuren – Sail (Original mix)
54. ATB – Ecstasy (Original Airplay Mix)
55. Paul van Dyk – Nothing But You (Original Mix)
56. Andy Moor & Ashley Wallbridge ft Meighan Nealon – Faces (Original Mix)
57. DJ Tiësto feat. BT – Love Comes Again (Original Mix)
58. Three Drives On A Vinyl – Greece 2000 (Original Mix)
59. Dj Shah Feat Adriana Thorpe – Who Will Find Me (Original Summer Sunrise Mix)
60. Andy Moor and Adam White present Whiteroom – The Whiteroom (Original Mix)
61. Solarstone – Seven Cities (Armin van Buuren Remix)
62. Sander Van Doorn Pres. Purple Haze – Bliksem (Original Mix)
63. Art Of Trance – Madagascar (Ferry Corsten Remix)
64. Armin van Buuren feat. Jaren – Unforgivable (Original Mix)
65. Aly & Fila – Lost Language (Original Mix)
66. Dj Tiësto – Suburban Train (Original Mix)
67. Max Graham feat. Neev Kennedy – Sun In The Winter (Alex M.O.R.P.H. Remix)
68. Chicane – Offshore (Original Mix)
69. DJ Tiësto – Lethal Industry (Original Mix)
70. DJ Shah feat. Adrina Thorpe – Back To You (Aly & Fila Mix)

71. ALT+F4 – ALT+F4 (Original Mix)
72. James Holden feat. Julie Thompson – Nothing (93 Returning Mix)
73. John O’Callaghan Feat. Audrey Gallagher – Big Sky (Original Mix)
74. Cygnus X – Superstring (Rank 1 Remix)
75. Humate – Love Stimulation (Paul van Dyk Remix)
76. Simon Patterson – Miss You (Original Mix)
77. Lange feat. Sarah Howells – Out Of The Sky (Kyau & Albert Remix)
78. DJ Tiësto – In My Memory (Gabriel & Dresden Elephant Memory Vocal)
79. Sean Tyas – Lift (Original Mix)
80. BT – Flaming June (BT & PVD Remix)
81. Solarstone – Solarcoaster (Original Mix)
82. Above & Beyond feat. Richard Bedford – Alone Tonight (Above & Beyond Club Mix)
83. DJ Tiësto feat. Kristy Hawkshaw – Just Be (Original Mix)
84. Alex M.O.R.P.H. – Walk the Edge (Alex M.O.R.P.H. B2B Woody Van Eyden Mix)
85. Gouryella – Ligaya (Original Mix)
86. RAM – RAMsterdam (Jorn Van Deynhoven Remix)
87. Dash Berlin ft. Cerf Mitiska and Jaren – Man On The Run (Original Vocal Mix)
88. Armin van Buuren Feat. Gabriel & Dresden – Zocalo
89. Cygnus X – The Orange Theme (Original Mix)
90. DJ Tiësto – Elements Of Life (Original Mix)
91. Luminary – Amsterdam (Smith & Pledger Remix)

- 92. Salt Tank – Eugina (Michael Woods Mix)
- 93. Paul van Dyk Starkillers & Austin Leeds (ft. Ashley Tomberlin) – New York City (Original Mix)
- 94. Armin van Buuren – Imagine (Original Mix)
- 95. Marco V – Simulated (Original Mix)
- 96. Chicane – Autumn Tactics (The Thrillseekers Remix)
- 97. Markus Schulz – Do You Dream (Original Mix)
- 98. Gareth Emery – Exposure (Original Mix)
- 99. Reflekt Feat. Deline Bass – Need To Feel Loved (Original Mix)
- 100. Stoneface & Terminal – Stardust (Club Mix)
- 101. Billie Ray Martin – Honey (Chicane Club Mix)
- 102. iiO – Rapture (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 103. Armin van Buuren Feat Jennifer Rene – Fine Without You (Original Mix)
- 104. Dogzilla – Without You (Original Mix)
- 105. Above & Beyond Presents OceanLab – Good For Me (Above & Beyond Club Mix)
- 106. Lange vs Gareth Emery – Another You Another Me (Original Mix)
- 107. Rank 1 – Such Is Life (Original Mix)
- 108. Andy Moor feat. Carrie Skipper – She Moves (Original Mix)
- 109. Above & Beyond pres. Oceanlab – Breaking Ties (Above & Beyond Analogue Haven Mix)
- 110. Paul Van Dyk feat. Johnny McDaid – Home (Cosmic Gate Remix)
- 111. Solid Globe – North Pole (Original Mix)
- 112. Urban Astronauts & Matt Darey feat. Kate Louise Smith – See The Sun (Aurosonic Remix)

113. Underworld – Born Slippy (Original Mix)
114. Sebastian Brandt – 450 (Original Mix)
115. Yuri Kane – Right Back (Original Mix)
116. Roger Shah & Signum – Healesville Sanctuary (Roger Shah Mix)
117. DJ Tiësto – Forever Today (Original Mix)
118. Bobina – Invisible Touch (Ferry Corsten Touch Remix)
119. Nic Chagall feat. Jonathan Mendelsohn – This Moment (Progressive Mix)
120. Dash Berlin – Never Cry Again (Jorn Van Deynhoven Remix)
121. Velvetine – Safe (Wherever You Are) (Rank 1 Remix)
122. DJ Tiësto – In My Memory (Original Mix)
123. Stoneface & Terminal – Super Nature (Original Mix)
124. Markus Schulz Feat. Khaz – Dark Heart Waiting (Original Mix)
125. Robert Miles – Children (Original Mix)
126. Super8 & Tab – Irufushi (Original Mix)
127. Moogwai – Viola (Armin van Buuren Remix)
128. Susana feat. Omnia & The Blizzard – Closer (Original Mix)
129. Gaia – Aisha (Original Mix)
130. Matt Darey pres. Urban Astronauts – Black Flowers (Josh Gabriel Remix)
131. Oceanlab – Sirens Of The Sea (Above & Beyond Remix)
132. Rank 1 – L.E.D. There Be Light (Extended Mix)
133. ATB – Let You Go (Original Mix)

- 134. Armin van Buuren – Control Freak (Sander van Doorn Remix)
- 135. DJ Eco – Lost Angeles (Breakfast Remix)
- 136. Orjan Nilsen – La Guitarra (Original Mix)
- 137. Arksun – Arisen (Original Mix)
- 138. Nalin & Kane – Beachball (Original Mix)
- 139. Deadmau5 feat. Kaskade – I Remember (Original Mix)
- 140. ATB – Behind (Original Mix)
- 141. DJ Tiësto – Nyana (Original Mix)
- 142. Armin van Buuren feat Jacqueline Govaerts- Never Say Never (Original Mix)
- 143. Above and Beyond Present Oceanlab – Lonely Girl (Gareth Emery Remix)
- 144. 24 – The Longest Day (Armin Van Buuren Remix)
- 145. Coast 2 Coast – Home (Original Mix)
- 146. DNS Project feat. Johanna – Mindful (Ronski Speed Remix)
- 147. Cosmic Gate feat. Emma Hewitt – Not Enough Time (Original Mix)
- 148. Plastic Boy – Silver Bath (Original Mix)
- 149. Markus Schulz – Without You Near (Original Mix)
- 150. Stoneface & Terminal – Blueprint (Club Mix)
- 151. Armin van Buuren ft. VanVelzen – Broken Tonight (Alex MORPH Remix)
- 152. Cerf, Mitiska & Jaren – You Never Said (Dash Berlin Mix)
- 153. Gouryella – Walhalla (Original Mix)
- 154. Scott Bond vs Solarstone – Naked Angel (Original Mix)

155. BT feat. Jes – Every Other Way (Armin van Buuren Remix)
156. Armin van Buuren – Hold On To Me (Original Mix)
157. Cerf Mitiska & Jaren – Beggin' You (Armin van Buuren Remix)
158. Young Parisians – You Write The Rules (Solarstone Remix)
159. Armin van Buuren feat. Racocon – Love You More (Original Mix)
160. Gouryella – Tenshi (Original Mix)
161. Rex Mundi feat. Susana – Nothing At All (Original Mix)
162. DJ Tiësto – Driving To Heaven (Mat Zo Remix)
163. Armin van Buuren – Face To Face (Original Mix)
164. The Age Of Love – The Age Of Love (Jam & Spoon Watch Out For Stella Mix)
165. Ascension – Someone (Original Mix)
166. Paul van Dyk – Another Way (Original Mix)
167. Tiësto Feat. Sneaky Sound System – I Will Be Here (Original Mix)
168. Hybrid – Finished Symphony (Original Mix)
169. Armin van Buuren – Imagine (Original Mix)
170. Ridgewalker featuring El – Find (Andy Moor Remix)
171. BT – Dreaming (Original Mix)
172. Andy Duguid feat. Leah – Wasted (Original Mix)
173. Stoneface & Terminal – Endorphine (Original Mix)
174. Marcel Woods – Advanced (Original Mix)
175. DJ Tiësto feat Christian Burns – In The Dark (Original Mix)

176. Faithless – Not Going Home (Armin van Buuren Remix)
177. Armin van Buuren vs. Rank1 feat. Kush – This World Is Watching Me (Original Mix)
178. BT – Mercury & Solace (Original Mix)
179. Members Of Mayday – 10 In One (Paul Van Dyk Remix)
180. Gabriel & Dresden – Tracking Treasure Down (Original Mix)
181. The Doppler Effect – Beauty Hides In The Deep (John O’Callaghan Remix)
182. Rank 1 – Symfo (Original Mix)
183. Armin van Buuren – Rush Hour (Original Mix)
184. DJ Tiësto – Who Wants to be Alone (Original Mix)
185. Darude – Sandstorm (Original Mix)
186. Marco V – Recovered
187. Arnej – They Need Us (Original Mix)
188. Rank 1 – Awakening (Original Mix)
189. Armin van Buuren feat. Susana – If You Should Go (Aly & Fila Remix)
190. Mat Zo – Near The End (Original Mix)
191. Young Parisians feat. Ben Lost – Jump The Next Train (Kyau vs. Albert Remix)
192. Deadmau5 – Strobe (Original Mix)
193. Perpetuous Dreamer – The Sound Of Goodbye (Armin’s Tribal Mix)
194. Leon Bolier – Ocean Drive Boulevard (Original Mix)
195. Selu Vibra – Divine (Original Mix)
196. Ali Wilson – Pandora (Original Mix)

197. Orjan Nilsen – Lovers Lane (Original Mix)
198. Svenson & Gielen – The Beauty Of Silence (Original Mix)
199. Ferry Corsten – Rock Your Body Rock (Original Mix)
200. Luigi Lusini – Who We Are (Original Mix)
201. DJ Tiësto – Escape Me (Original Mix)
202. W &W – Mainstage (Original Mix)
203. Allure feat. Julie Thompson – Somewhere Inside of Me (Original Mix)
204. L.S.G. – Netherworld (Oliver Prime Remix)
205. Armin van Buuren ft Cathy Burton – Rain (Original Mix)
206. Robert Nickson – Spiral (Original Mix)
207. Randy Katana – In silence (Txitxarro Mix)
208. M.I.K.E. presents Plastic Boy – Chocolate Infusion (Original Mix)
209. Solid Globe – Sahara (Original Mix)
210. Chicane – Poppiholla (Original Mix)
211. Sander van Doorn – Renegade (The Official Trance Energy Anthem 2010)
212. Solid Sessions – Janeiro (Armin van Buuren Remix)
213. The Blizzard – Kalopsia (Original Mix)
214. Cosmic Gate – Barra (Original Mix)
215. Aly & Fila feat. Denise Rivera – My Mind Is With You (W &W Remix)
216. tyDi ft Audrey Gallagher – You Walk Away (Original Mix)
217. Arnej vs 8 Wonders – Beginning Of The End (Original Mix)

- 218. Vast Vision feat. Fisher – Everything (Aly & Fila Remix)
- 219. Armin van Buuren – Astronauts (Original Mix)
- 220. Cerf Mitiska & Jaren – Light the Skies (Retrobyte Classic Electrobounce Mix)
- 221. Cosmic Gate Feat. Aruna – Under Your Spell (Original Mix)
- 222. Daniel Kandi – Venice Beach (Original Mix)
- 223. Chakra – Home (Original Mix)
- 224. Filo & Peri feat. Eric Lumiere – Anthem (Original Mix)
- 225. Ayla – Ayla (Original Mix)
- 226. Arnej – Dust In The Wind (Original Mix)
- 227. Tiësto Feat. Tegan & Sara – Feel It In My Bones (Original Mix)
- 228. Rank 1 vs Jochen Miller – The Great Escape (Original Mix)
- 229. Cygnus X – Positron (Armin Van Buuren Remix)
- 230. PPK – Resurrection (Original Mix)
- 231. Deadmau5 feat. Rob Swire – Ghosts N Stuff (Original Mix)
- 232. Utah Saints – Lost Vagueness (Oliver Lieb's Main Mix)
- 233. Filo And Peri Feat. Aruna – Ashley (Alex M.O.R.P.H Remix)
- 234. Mekka – Diamondback (Original Mix)
- 235. Stoneface & Terminal – St. Francis Foley (Club Mix)
- 236. Cosmic Gate – Exploration Of Space (Original Mix)
- 237. Aly & Fila – Key Of Life (Original Mix)
- 238. Armin van Buuren – Empty State (Original Mix)

- 239. Gaia – 4 Elements (Original Mix)
- 240. Simon Patterson – Taxi (Original Mix)
- 241. Super8 & Tab – Helsinki Scorchin’ (Original Mix)
- 242. Beat Service feat. Emma Lock – Hiding To Nothing (Original Mix)
- 243. Jan Johnston – Flesh (DJ Tiësto Remix)
- 244. Andrea Mazza & Fabio Xb – Light to Lies (Gareth Emery Remix)
- 245. Armin van Buuren feat. Ray Wilson – Yet Another Day (Original Mix)
- 246. Push – The Legacy (Original Mix)
- 247. W & W – D.N.A. (Original Mix)
- 248. Nickelson – Yin (Solid Globe Remix)
- 249. DJ Tiësto feat. Jonsi – Kaleidoscope (Original Mix)
- 250. Armin van Buuren feat. Nadia Ali – Who Is Watching (Original Mix)
- 251. Signum – Riddles In The Sand (Original Mix)
- 252. Ron Hagen & Al Exander – Last Minute (Original Mix)
- 253. Bent – As You Fall (Kyau & Albert Remix)
- 254. Cirez D – Glow (Original Mix)
- 255. Paul Webster feat. Amanda – Time (Sean Tyas Dub)
- 256. Masters & Nickson feat. Justine Suissa – Out There (5th Dimension)
- 257. Jerome Isma-Ae – Hold That Sucker Down (Original Mix)
- 258. Gareth Emery – Global (Original Mix)
- 259. Airbase feat. Floria Ambra – Denial (Original Mix)

- 260. Ferry Corsten – Radio Crash (Original Mix)
- 261. Delerium – Innocente (Tiësto Remix)
- 262. Nadia Ali – Love Story (Original Mix)
- 263. DJ Tiësto – A Tear In The Open (Original Mix)
- 264. Akesson – Perfect Blue (Original Mix)
- 265. Ferry Corsten – Punk (Original Mix)
- 266. Markus Schulz – Never Be The Same (Markus Schulz Coldharbour Club Mix)
- 267. Above & Beyond – Home (Club Mix)
- 268. Lange Feat. The Morrighan – Follow Me (Original Mix)
- 269. Gareth Emery – More Than Anything (Stoneface & Terminal Remix)
- 270. 4 Strings – Diving (Hiver & Hammer Remix)
- 271. Tiësto – Ten Seconds Before Sunrise (Original Mix)
- 272. DJ Tiësto – Dance 4 Life (Original Mix)
- 273. Jochen Miller – Brace Yourself (Original Mix)
- 274. Mat Zo – The Fractal Universe (Original Mix)
- 275. Shogun feat. Emma Lock – Save Me (Original Mix)
- 276. The Quest – C-Sharp (Original Mix)
- 277. Beat Service Feat. Emma Lock – Cut And Run (Original Mix)
- 278. Heatbeat – Vergatron (Original Mix)
- 279. Aria – Dido (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 280. The Blizzard & Omnia – Metanoia (Original Club Mix)

- 281. Ferry Corsten – We Belong (Original Mix)
- 282. Super8 & Tab – Elektra (Original Mix)
- 283. Above & Beyond – Anjunabeach (Original Mix)
- 284. Saltwater – The Legacy (Alphazone Remix)
- 285. Airbase – Escape (Original Mix)
- 286. Tritonal feat. Christina Soto – Forgive Me Forget You (Ashley Wallbridge Remix)
- 287. Paul van Dyk Ft. Rea Garvey – Let Go (Original Mix)
- 288. Solar Factor – Urban Shakedown (Original Mix)
- 289. Arnej – They always come back (Original Mix)
- 290. Shogun feat. Hannah Ray – Nadia (Original Mix)
- 291. Oceanlab – Sky Falls Down (Original Mix)
- 292. Ronski Speed pres Sun Decade feat. Emma Hewitt – Lasting Light (Original Mix)
- 293. John O'Callaghan – Striker (Ummet Ozcan Remix)
- 294. Albert Vorne – Formentera What (Gareth Emery Remix)
- 295. W & W – Arena (Original Mix)
- 296. Stoneface & Terminal – Don't Give A Fuck (Vocal Mix)
- 297. Skydive – Freefall (Original Mix)
- 298. Mike Foyle – Pandora (The Blizzard Remix)
- 299. DJ Tiësto feat. Kristy Hawkshaw – Walking On Clouds (Original Mix)
- 300. Signum – Addicted (Original Mix)
- 301. ATB – Long Way Home (Original Mix)

- 302. Cressida – Onyric (Stoneface & Terminal Remix)
- 303. Rachael Starr – To Forever (MoonBeam Remix)
- 304. Markus Schulz & Andy Moor – Daydream (Lemon & Einar K Uplifting Remix)
- 305. ATB Feat. Aruna – My Saving Grace (Original Mix)
- 306. Richard Durand – Always The Sun (Original Mix)
- 307. Simon Patterson – Bulldozer (Original Mix)
- 308. Aly & Fila Vs. FKN Feat. Jahala – How Long (Original Mix)
- 309. Dj Tatana – Spring Breeze (Martin Roth Summerstyle Remix)
- 310. Medina – You & I (Dash Berlin Remix)
- 311. Vincent de Moor – Fly Away (Cosmic Gate Remix)
- 312. Imogen Heap – Hide & Seek (Tiësto's In Search of Sunrise Remix)
- 313. Ernesto vs. Bastian – Thrill (Original mix)
- 314. Armin van Buuren feat. System F – From The Heart (Original Mix)
- 315. Simon Patterson – Us (Original Mix)
- 316. Monogato – Miami Vibe (Omnia Remix)
- 317. Kaskade & Deadmau5 – Move For Me (Original Mix)
- 318. Sander Van Doorn – Riff (Original Mix)
- 319. Ferry Corsten feat. Novastar – Because (The Remix) (Original Mix)
- 320. Mat Zo – 24 Hours (original Mix)
- 321. DJ Tiësto – Sparkles (Original Mix)
- 322. Tiësto featuring BT – Break My Fall (Original Mix)

- 323. DJ Eco & Martin Roth – Tonight Is Forever (Martin Roth Edit)
- 324. O'Callaghan & Kearney – Exactly (original Mix)
- 325. Afternova – Serenity (Andy Blueman Remix)
- 326. UmmeT Ozcan – Timewave Zero (Original Mix)
- 327. DJ Tiësto – Magik Journey (Original Mix)
- 328. Mat Zo – The Found (Original Mix)
- 329. Audrey Gallagher feat. Claudia Cazacu – Freefalling (Original Mix)
- 330. Giuseppe Ottaviani Feat. Faith – Angel (Original Mix)
- 331. Andy Moor – Halcyon (Original Mix)
- 332. Paul van Dyk feat. Second Sun – Crush (Original Mix)
- 333. Josh Gabriel pres. Winter Kills – Deep Down (Original Mix)
- 334. DJ Eco – And We Flew Away (Original Mix)
- 335. GTR – Mistral (Original Mix)
- 336. George Acosta Feat. Tiff Lacey – I Know (Beat Service Proglifting Remix)
- 337. Armin van Buuren – Golddigger (Original Mix)
- 338. Dakota – Sin City (Original Mix)
- 339. ATB – What About Us (Original Mix)
- 340. DJ Eco – Borealis (Original Mix)
- 341. tyDi – Good Dream (Original Mix)
- 342. Aly & Fila – Rosaires (Original Mix)
- 343. Sunlounger – Another Day On The Terrace (Original Mix)

- 344. Roger Shah & Signum – Ancient World (Roger Shah Long Haul Flight)
- 345. Galen Behr vs. Hydroid – Carabella (Galen Behr vs. Orjan Nilsen Remix)
- 346. Nu NRG – Dreamland (Original Mix)
- 347. Above & Beyond presents Oceanlab – I Am What I Am (Lange Mix)
- 348. DJ Tiësto – Theme From Norefjell (Original Mix)
- 349. Ronski Speed with Stoneface & Terminal – Soulseeker (Stoneface & Terminal Remix)
- 350. Nitrous Oxide feat. Aneym – Far Away (Original Club Mix)
- 351. First State Feat. Anita Kelsey – Falling (Original Mix)
- 352. Gareth Emery feat. Emma Hewitt – I Will Be The Same (Original Mix)
- 353. Espen Gulbrandsen Vs. Dj Julian Vincent Feat. Maria Nayler – Perfect Sky (Original Mix)
- 354. First State Feat. Sarah Howells – Brave (Original Mix)
- 355. The Killers – Human (Armin Van Buuren Remix)
- 356. Airwave – When Things Go Wrong (Original Mix)
- 357. James Horner feat. Leona Lewis – I See You (Theme from Avatar) (Cosmic Gate Remix)
- 358. ATB – My Everything (Original Mix)
- 359. Pulser – My Religion (Original Mix)
- 360. Ashley Wallbridge – Chimera (Original Mix)
- 361. Super8 & Tab – Suru (Original Mix)
- 362. Fragma – Toca's Miracle (Original Mix)
- 363. Skytech – Comet (Original Mix)
- 364. Kamaya Painters – Endless Wave (Original Mix)

- 365. Giuseppe Ottaviani – Through Your Eyes (Original Mix)
- 366. Ohmna feat. Nurlaila – Key Of Life (Marlo Remix)
- 367. SoundLift – Nakhti (Original Mix)
- 368. Ashley Wallbridge – Harmonies (Original Mix)
- 369. Luminary – My World (Andy Moor Remix)
- 370. Lost Tribe – Gamemaster (Original Mix)
- 371. Muse – Resistance (DJ Tiësto Remix)
- 372. Myon & Shane 54 feat. Carrie Skipper – Vampire (Gareth Emerys Garuda Remix)
- 373. Above & Beyond Present Tranquility Base – Oceanic (Original Mix)
- 374. Sander Van Doorn Vs. Robbie Williams – Close My Eyes (Original Mix)
- 375. Zoo Brazil feat. Leah – You Can Have It All (George Acosta Remix)
- 376. Deadmau5 – Not Exactly (Original Mix)
- 377. Andy Blueman – Time To Rest (Daniel Kandi Banging Remix)
- 378. Bart Claessen – Elf (Original Mix)
- 379. Cressida – 6 AM (Kyau & Albert Remix)
- 380. George Acosta feat. Fisher – Tearing Me Apart (DNS Project Remix)
- 381. ATB – Future Memories (Original Mix)
- 382. Tomcraft – Loneliness (Original Mix)
- 383. Ferry Corsten – Sublime (Thrillseekers Remix)
- 384. Mauro Picotto – Komodo (Original Mix)
- 385. Arnej feat. Josie – Strangers We've Become (Blake Jarrell Remix)

- 386. Jochen Miller – Lost Connection (Original Mix)
- 387. Reverse – Absolute Reality (Arty Remix)
- 388. 2 Players – Signet (Original Mix)
- 389. Fire & Ice – Souvenir De Chine (Original Mix)
- 390. Arnej – The Strings That Bind Us (Original Mix)
- 391. Armin van Buuren – Gypsy (Original Mix)
- 392. Dj Shah feat. Inger Hansen – Don't Wake Me Up (Original Mix)
- 393. Southside Spinners – Luvstruck (Original Mix)
- 394. Blank & Jones feat Elles – Mind of the Wonderful (Original Mix)
- 395. Mr. Sam feat. Claud9 – Cygnes (original mix)
- 396. Leon Bolier & Marcus Schossow – 2099 (Original Mix)
- 397. Airbase – Medusa (Original Mix)
- 398. Allure feat Christian Burns – Power Of You (Original Mix)
- 399. Chicane feat Brian Adams – Don't Give Up (Original Mix)
- 400. Deadmau5 – Faxing Berlin (Original Mix)
- 401. Wippenberg – Chakalaka (Original Mix)
- 402. Serge Devant Feat. Emma Hewitt – Take Me With You (Original Mix)
- 403. Neptune Project – Aztec (Aly & Fila Remix)
- 404. Whiteroom featuring Amy Cooper – Someday (Original Mix)
- 405. Ferry Corsten – Twice In A Blue Moon (Original Mix)
- 406. Above & Beyond – Can't Sleep (Original Mix)

- 407. Simon Patterson – Thump (Original Mix)
- 408. Sander Van Doorn – Daisy (Original Mix)
- 409. B.B.E. – Seven Days And One Week (Club Mix)
- 410. Mike Foyle and Signalrunners – Love Theme Dusk (Mike's Broken Record Mix)
- 411. Andy Blueman – Sea Tides (Original Mix)
- 412. Dakota – Johnny The Fox (Barnes & Heatcliff Remix)
- 413. Paul Van Dyk – Time of our Lives (Original Mix)
- 414. Aly & Fila – Khepera (Original Mix)
- 415. Late Night Alumni – Empty Streets (Original Mix)
- 416. Lange & Andy Moor – Stadium Four
- 417. Kaskade – 4AM (Adam K & Soha Remix)
- 418. Alice DeeJay – Better Of Alone
- 419. Envio – For You
- 420. M6 – Opus Sectrum (Original Mix)
- 421. Markus Schulz feat. Dauby – Perfect (Original Mix)
- 422. Dakota – Chinook (Uplifting Mix)
- 423. Ferry Tayle & Static Blue – Trapeze (Daniel Kandi's Emotional Remix)
- 424. Jonas Steur feat. Jennifer Rene – Falling Into Pieces (Original Mix)
- 425. Stoneface & Terminal – Venus (Original Mix)
- 426. Tocadisco Feat. Nadia Ali – Better Run (Wippenberg Remix)
- 427. Leon Bolier – Shimamoto (Original Mix)

- 428. Andy Moor – Fake Awake (Original Mix)
- 429. DJ Tiësto – Sweet Things (Original Mix)
- 430. 3rd Moon – Monsun (Original Mix)
- 431. Cold Blue & Del Mar – 11 Days (Sebastian Brandt Remix)
- 432. David Forbes – Katsu (Dns Project Remix)
- 433. DJ Tiësto – Athena (Original Mix)
- 434. BT – Suddenly (Ferry Corsten Remix)
- 435. Chicane – Hiding All The Stars (Original Mix)
- 436. Andy Blueman – Neverland (Energetic Mix)
- 437. Ferry Corsten & Howard Jones – Into The Dark (Original Mix)
- 438. M.I.K.E. – Sunrise At Palamos (Original Mix)
- 439. Andy Moor feat Carrie Skipper – So Much More (Original Mix)
- 440. Ben Preston feat. Susie – Remember Me (Daniel Kandi's Flashy Tribute Mix)
- 441. Blank & Jones – The Nightfly (Original Mix)
- 442. Markus Schulz vs Chakra – I Am (Original Mix)
- 443. Ferry Corsten – Fire (Original Mix)
- 444. Ummet Ozcan – Trinity (Original Mix)
- 445. Interstate – I Found You (Original Mix)
- 446. Madonna – What it Feels Like for A Girl (Above & Beyond Club Mix)
- 447. Active Sight – Out Of Our Lives (Original Mix)
- 448. Wippenberg – Pong (Original Mix)

- 449. Paul van Dyk feat. Johnny McDaid – We Are One (Giuseppe Ottaviani Remix)
- 450. Andrew Bennett feat. Sir Adrian – Run Till U Shine (Cosmic Gate Remix)
- 451. Sander Van Doorn – Bastillon (Original Mix)
- 452. Alexander Popov – Metropolis (Original Mix)
- 453. Andy Blueman – Everlasting (Original Mix)
- 454. Blank & Jones – Cream (Original Mix)
- 455. Svenson & Gielen – Twisted (Original Mix)
- 456. Darren Tate vs Jono Grant – Let The Light Shine In (Jono Grant Mix)
- 457. Hydra – Affinity (Original Mix)
- 458. Gabriel & Dresden – Arcadia (Original Mix)
- 459. Fred Baker vs Nyram – Confirmation (Original Mix)
- 460. Chakra – Love Shines Through (Original Mix)
- 461. Jerry Ropero feat Cozi – The Storm (Inpetto Remix)
- 462. 8 Wonders – Eventuality (Original Mix)
- 463. Sunlounger Feat. Kyler England – Change Your Mind (Myon & Shane 54 Remix)
- 464. Active Sight – The Search For Freedom (Original Mix)
- 465. Julian Vincent Feat. Cathy Burton – Here For Me (Mark Otten Remix)
- 466. Super8 & Tab – Black Is The New Yellow (Original Mix)
- 467. Marcel Woods – Cherry Blossom (Original Mix)
- 468. tyDi – Is It Cold (Original Mix)
- 469. Arnej vs 8 Wonders – The Crossover (Original Mix)

- 470. Accadia – Into The Dawn (James Holden Remix)
- 471. Heatbeat – Paradise Garage (Original Mix)
- 472. Chicane feat. Tom Jones – Stoned In Love (Original Mix)
- 473. 7 Skies – Caffeine (Original Mix)
- 474. Lemon & Einar K – Anticipation (Original Mix)
- 475. Andain – Summer Calling (Airwave Club Mix)
- 476. Sean Tyas – Melbourne (Original Mix)
- 477. Dj Tiësto – He's A Pirate (Original Mix)
- 478. Kai Tracid – 4 Just 1 Day (Original Mix)
- 479. First State – Sierra Nevada (Original Mix)
- 480. Cosmic Gate – F.A.V. (Original Mix)
- 481. Kyau & Albert – I Love You (Original Mix)
- 482. Agnelli & Nelson – El Nino (Original Mix)
- 483. BT ft. Kirsty Hawkshaw – A Million Stars (Original Mix)
- 484. Marco V – Godd (Original Mix)
- 485. Sebastian Ingrosso – Kidsos (DBN Remix)
- 486. Nu Nrg – Freefall (Original Mix)
- 487. Agnelli & Nelson feat. Aureas – Holding On To Nothing (Original Mix)
- 488. Marcel Woods – Everything (Original Mix)
- 489. Joop – The Future (Original Mix)
- 490. Giuseppe Ottaviani feat. Faith – Fallen (Original Mix)

- 491. Arctic Moon – True Romance (Original Mix)
- 492. Dobenbeck feat. Joanna – Please Don't Go (Chris Reece Remix)
- 493. Roger Shah Presents Savannah – Body Lotion (Inspirations Mix)
- 494. Chicane – Halcyon (Original Mix)
- 495. Breakfast – The Sunlight (Original Mix)
- 496. George Acosta feat. Fisher – True Love (Original Mix)
- 497. Andy Moor & Orkidea – Yearzero (Original Mix)
- 498. Chapter XJ – Resurrection (Jorn van Deynhoven Remix)
- 499. Dj Governor – Shades Of Grey (Original Mix)
- 500. Sophie Sugar – Together (Original Mix)
- 501. Kyau & Albert – Are You Fine (Original Mix)
- 502. Aly & Fila – Why (Original Mix)
- 503. 8 Wonders – The Return (Original Mix)
- 504. Binary Finary – 1999 (Original Mix)
- 505. Ferry Corsten presents Pulse – Once (Original Mix)
- 506. Moonman – Galaxia (Original Mix)
- 507. Inigma – Open Our Eyes (Original Mix)
- 508. Pulser – Cloudwalking (Original Mix)
- 509. Sean Tyas – Tingle (Original Mix)
- 510. ATB – Sunset Girl (Original Mix)
- 511. Sander Kleinenberg – My Lexicon (Original Mix)

- 512. Orbital – Halcyon On and On (Original Mix)
- 513. Signalrunners – Meet Me In Montauk (Original Mix)
- 514. The Thrillseekers Feat. Aruna – Waiting Here For You (Original Mix)
- 515. Breakfast – Remember (Original Mix)
- 516. Astral Projection – Mahadeva (Original Mix)
- 517. Adam White – Ballerina (Original mix)
- 518. Richard Durand – Into Something (Fall Down Mix)
- 519. Dennis Sheperd – Black Sun (Ronski Speed Remix)
- 520. Chicane – No Ordinary Morning (Original Mix)
- 521. Delerium Feat Jael – After All (Svenson & Gielen Remix)
- 522. Stoneface & Terminal – Santiago (Original Mix)
- 523. Marco V – Unprepared (Original Mix)
- 524. EnMass – CQ (Seek You)
- 525. Active Sight – Tears Of Joy (Original Mix)
- 526. Ummet Ozcan – Next Phase (Phase 1 Mix)
- 527. Vengeance – Temptation (Denga & Manus Remix)
- 528. Cosmic Gate feat. Tiff Lacey – Open Your Heart (Original Mix)
- 529. Ayumi Hamasaki – M (Above & Beyond Remix)
- 530. Daniel Kandi – Child (Original Mix)
- 531. John O’Callaghan feat. Jaren – Surreal (Original Mix)
- 532. Talla 2xlc Feat. Naama Hillman – No Inbetween (John O’Callaghan Remix)

- 533. Daniel Kandi – Make Me Believe (Original Rise Mix)
- 534. Perasma – Swing 2 Harmony (Original Mix)
- 535. Jonas Steur – Silent Waves (Original Mix)
- 536. Dash Berlin – Surround Me (Original Mix)
- 537. Tritonal Feat. Cristina Soto – Piercing Quiet (Original Mix)
- 538. Orjan Nilsen – Arctic Globe (Original mix)
- 539. Tritonal feat. Cristina Soto – Kiss Me Here (Original Mix)
- 540. Lange – Drifting Away (Lange's Sunset Dub)
- 541. Paul Oakenfold feat. Tiff Lacey – Hypnotised (Original Mix)
- 542. Robert Nickson – Maybe Next Time (Original Mix)
- 543. Roger Shah pres Savannah – Darling Harbour (Original Mix)
- 544. Cosmic Gate feat. Denise Rivera – Body of Conflict (Original Mix)
- 545. Dj Tiësto – Close To You (Original Mix)
- 546. Adam Nickey – Shift (Original Mix)
- 547. ATB – Renegade (A & T mix)
- 548. W & W vs. Jonas Stenberg – Alligator Fuckhouse (Original Mix)
- 549. Martin Roth & Alex Bartlett – Off The World (Gareth Emery Remix)
- 550. Spacebrothers – Heaven will come (Stoneface & Terminal Remix)
- 551. Ferry Corsten – It's Time (Original Mix)
- 552. Lentos – Forget About Us (Barnes & Heatcliff Remix)
- 553. Kyau & Albert – Always A Fool (Original Mix)

- 554. Andy Blueman – Nyctalopia (Original Mix)
- 555. Deep Dish – Say Hello (Original Mix)
- 556. ATB – Marrakech (Original Mix)
- 557. Three Drives – Carrera 2 (Original Mix)
- 558. Signum featuring Anita Kelsey – Come Around Again (Original Mix)
- 559. Yahel – Devotion (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 560. Da Hool – Meet Her At The Love Parade (Original Mix)
- 561. Marco V – False Light (Original Mix)
- 562. Airbase – Genie (Original Mix)
- 563. Arnej – Tomorrow Never Comes (Original Mix)
- 564. Breakfast – Dancing in the Moonlight (Original Mix)
- 565. Armin van Buuren – Full Focus (Original Mix)
- 566. ATB – Feel Alive (Original Mix)
- 567. Above & Beyond Presents Tranquility Base – Surrender (Original Mix)
- 568. Nalin & Kane – Open Your Eyes (Original Mix)
- 569. Airbase – One Tear Away (Original Mix)
- 570. Robert Nickson & Daniel Kandi – Rewire (Original Mix)
- 571. Cape Town – Proglifter (Original Mix)
- 572. Carlos – The Silmarillia (Original Mix)
- 573. Sly One – This Late Stage (Aly & Fila Remix)
- 574. Andrew Bennett feat. Kirsty Hawkshaw – Heaven Sent (Original Mix)

- 575. Jes – Lovesong (Cosmic Gate Remix)
- 576. Signalrunners feat. Julie Thompson – These Shoulders (Original Mix)
- 577. Alex M.O.R.P.H. & Woody Van Eyden Ft. Michelle Citrin – Turn It On (Sean Tyas Remix)
- 578. Sied van Riel – Rush (Original Mix)
- 579. Deadmau5 – Arguru (Original Mix)
- 580. Tranquility Base – Razorfish (Above & Beyond Bangin' Mix)
- 581. Adam Nickey – Callista (Original Mix)
- 582. Benny Benassi – Bring The Noise (Original Mix)
- 583. Cosmic Gate – London Rain (Original Mix)
- 584. Ralphie B – Massive (Original Mix)
- 585. Y-traxx – Mysteryland (Original Mix)
- 586. Cassandra Fox – Touch Me (Mike Koglin vs Jono Grant Remix)
- 587. Kyau & Albert – Once In A Life (Original Mix)
- 588. Armin van Buuren – Wall Of Sound (Original Mix)
- 589. Oryon – V2 (Original Mix)
- 590. Blank & Jones – Desire (Original Mix)
- 591. Sean Tyas presents Logistic – One More Night Out (Original Mix)
- 592. Planet Perfecto – Bullet In The Gun (Original Mix)
- 593. Nic Chagall – What you need (Original Mix)
- 594. Talla 2XLC vs. Sean Tyas – Heart To Heart (Sean Tyas Remix)
- 595. Three Drives – Sunset On Ibiza (Original Mix)

- 596. Marcel Woods – Inside Me (Original Mix)
- 597. Kai Tracid – Too Many Times (Original Mix)
- 598. 8 Wonders – Fading Memories (Original Mix)
- 599. Jer Martin – Ten Minutes To Midnight (7 Skies Remix)
- 600. Airscape – L'esperanza (Armin Van Buuren's Rising Star Mix)
- 601. Mauro Picotto – Lizard (Original Mix)
- 602. Airbase – Garden State (Original Mix)
- 603. Roger Shah & Chris Jones – To The Sky (Original Mix)
- 604. Alpha 9 – Bliss (Original Mix)
- 605. 8 Wonders – Life Goes On (Original Mix)
- 606. Max Graham – I Know You're Gone (Original Mix)
- 607. ATB – Justify (Original Mix)
- 608. Binary Finary – 2000 (DJ JamX & DuMonde's Millenium Mix)
- 609. Schiller – Das Glockenspiel (Humate Remix)
- 610. 4 Strings – Sunrise (Original mix)
- 611. System F – Cry (Original Mix)
- 612. Aly & Fila Feat. Sue McLaren – I Can See You (Original Mix)
- 613. Rank 1 – Opus 17 (Original Mix)
- 614. M6 – Amazon Dawn
- 615. Cliff Coenraad – Gone South (Original Mix)
- 616. BT – Force of Gravity (Original Mix)

- 617. Fictivision Vs. Phynn – Escape (Phynn Mix)
- 618. Firewall – Kilimanjaro (Original Mix)
- 619. Evbointh- One Wish (Daniel Kandi & Mark Andrez Remix)
- 620. ATB – You're Not Alone (Original Mix)
- 621. Karen Overton – Your Loving Arms (Club Mix)
- 622. Sean Tyas – Seven Weeks (Original Mix)
- 623. Steve Brian – La Gomera (Cressida Remix)
- 624. Absolute – New Horizon (Original Mix)
- 625. Dogzilla – Frozen
- 626. Ilya Soloviev – Universal Universe (Original Mix)
- 627. Rafael Frost – Flashback (Original Mix)
- 628. Dreastic – Blade Runner (Dreas Original Mix)
- 629. Mauro Picotto – Proximus (Original Mix)
- 630. Arctic Moon – Afterworld (Dimension Remix)
- 631. Fragile feat. Alex Lemon – Inertia (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 632. Blank & Jones Feat. Bernard Sumner – Miracle Cure (Martin Roth Nu Style Dub Remix)
- 633. Blake Jarrell – Punta Del Este (Beach Mix)
- 634. Cape Town – Metaphorique (Ferry Tayle's Neverending Story Mix)
- 635. John Askew – Blackout (Simon Patterson Remix)
- 636. Paul van Dyk – Autumn (Original Mix)
- 637. Amurai Feat. Melissa Loretta – Unconditional Love (Original Mix)

- 638. Cold Blue – The Wolf (Original Mix)
- 639. EnMass – So Please (Original Mix)
- 640. Headstrong & Tiff Lacey – The Truth (David West Progressive Mix)
- 641. Talla 2XLC feat Skysurfer – Terra Australis (Jorn van Deynhoven Remix)
- 642. Airbase feat. Floria Ambra – Interfere (Original Mix)
- 643. M.I.K.E. – Turn Out The Lights (Original Mix)
- 644. Markus Schulz featuring Elevation – Somewhere (Clear Blue)(Original Mix)
- 645. Jonas Steur – Castamara (Original Mix)
- 646. Midway – Monkey Forest (Original Mix)
- 647. Aly & Fila – Rising Sun (Original Mix)
- 648. Roger Shah & Ralph Fritsch Presents Black Pearl – Rise (Original Mix)
- 649. ATB – L.A. Nights (Club Mix)
- 650. Ronski Speed – All the Way (Original Mix)
- 651. Nery – Redawn (Andy Blueman Remix)
- 652. Barthezz – On The Move (Original Mix)
- 653. Andy Blueman & Reconceal – The World To Come (Andy Blueman Remix)
- 654. Duderstadt & Kirsty Hawkshaw – Beatitude (Duderstadt Uplifting Mash Up)
- 655. Andrew Bennett and Rico Soares featuring Jenry – Light Of Hope (Original Mix)
- 656. Sean Tyas – Ivy (Original Mix)
- 657. Andre Visior & Kay Stone – Something For Your Mind (Giuseppe Ottaviani Remix)
- 658. Amurai ft. Emma Hewitt – Crucify Yourself (Original Mix)

- 659. Jam & Spoon – Stella (Original Mix)
- 660. 8 Wonders – Sex On The Beach (Depths Of My Thoughts Sunset Dub)
- 661. Daniel Kandi & Robert Nickson – Liberate (Original mix)
- 662. Airscape – Sosei (F &W Remix)
- 663. CRW – I Feel Love (Original Mix)
- 664. Rising Star – Clear Blue Moon (Original Mix)
- 665. Mauro Picotto – Iguana (Mas Mix)
- 666. Firewall – Sincere (Original Mix)
- 667. Paul and Fritz Kalkbrenner – Sky And Sand (Original mix)
- 668. Armin van Buuren Feat. Vera Ostrova – What If (Original Mix)
- 669. Elevation – Biscayne (Lemon & Einar K Remix)
- 670. Alex M.O.R.P.H feat. Roberta Harrison – Photograph (Jonas Hornb)
- 671. 4 Strings – Daytime (Sean Tyas Remix)
- 672. Adam Nickey Presents Blue8 – Eleventh Street (Suncatcher Remix)
- 673. Departure – She Turns (Markus Schulz Remix)
- 674. Cosmic Gate feat. Kyler England – Flatline (Original Mix)
- 675. Ferry Corsten – Right Of Way (Original Mix)
- 676. Airwave vs Rising Star – Sunspot (DCML Remix)
- 677. Arnej – The Ones That Get Away (Original Mix)
- 678. Cosmic Gate – Should Have Known (Original Mix)
- 679. Arnej – People Come, People Go (Maor Levi Remix)

- 680. Paul Van Dyk – Words (Original Mix)
- 681. Bobina Feat. R Kenga – Honestly (Ilya Soloviev Remix)
- 682. A.M.R. – Sand Dunes (Daniel Kandi Short Mix)
- 683. Black Pearl – Bounty Island (Original mix)
- 684. Markus Schulz feat. Anita Kelsey – First Time (Original Mix)
- 685. Midway – What If (Original Mix)
- 686. Bobina – Lighthouse (Sean Tyas Remix)
- 687. Basic Dawn – Pure Thrust (Nu NRG remix)
- 688. Thoneick. Diaz & Young Rebels – Perfect Moment (Francesco Diaz & Young Rebels Remix)
- 689. Super 8 & Tab – Get Off (Original Mix)
- 690. Nic Chagall – Sky Blue (Original Mix)
- 691. John O'Callaghan – Every Lesson Learned (Ft. Lofi-Sugar) (Matt Hardwick Remix)
- 692. Adam Nickey – Never Gone (Above & Beyond Respray)
- 693. Kuffdam & Plant – Summerdream (Stoneface & Terminal Remix)
- 694. Arty – Hope (Original Mix)
- 695. Leon Bolier – Back in the Days (Original Mix)
- 696. Super8 & Tab – Delusion (Original Mix)
- 697. Orjan Nilsen – Summer Lover (Original Mix)
- 698. Way Out West – Killa (Orkidea Remix)
- 699. Filterheadz – Yimanya (Original Mix)
- 700. Signum – First Strike (Original Mix)

- 701. Activa & Guiseppe Ottaviani – Long Way Back (Giuseppe Ottaviani Mix)
- 702. Marcel Woods – The Bottle (Original Mix)
- 703. Airbase – Ocean Realm (Original Mix)
- 704. Tilt – Rendezvous (Paul van Dyk Remix)
- 705. Rising Star – Startheme (Original Mix)
- 706. Phynn – Lucid (Original Mix)
- 707. W &W – The Plan (Leon Bolier Remix)
- 708. Peter Martin Presents Anthanasia – Perfect Wave (Original Mix)
- 709. Airscape and JES – My Love (Original Mix)
- 710. Armin van Buuren – Intricacy (Original Mix)
- 711. Airbase – Roots (Andy Blueman Remix)
- 712. Jones & Stephenson – The First Rebirth (Original Mix)
- 713. Maor Levi – Lital (Daniel Kandi Remix)
- 714. ATA – Blue Skies (Temple One Remix)
- 715. Driftwood – Freeloader (Original Mix)
- 716. M6 – Destination 6 (Original Mix)
- 717. Jochen Miller – Humanoid (Original Mix)
- 718. Paul van Dyk – Out There (Original Mix)
- 719. Armin van Buuren & M.I.K.E. – Intruder (Original Mix)
- 720. Underworld – Dark & Long (Dark Train)
- 721. Airwave pres. Lolo – Trampoline (Original Mix)

- 722. Ronny K pres. EOYC – Morning Light (EOYC Anthem)
- 723. Ferry Corsten – Forever (Dub Remix)
- 724. Above & Beyond – Far from in love (Original Mix)
- 725. Rank 1 – Beats At Rank-1 Dotcom (Original Mix)
- 726. Adam Nickey & Nitrous Oxide – Moon Dust (Original Mix)
- 727. Ayla – Liebe (Original Mix)
- 728. L.S.G. – The Hidden Sun Of Venus (Oliver Lieb Remix)
- 729. Kernkraft 400 – Zombie Nation(Original Mix)
- 730. Signum – Second Wave 2004 (Original Mix)
- 731. Probspot – Foreplay (Original Mix)
- 732. James Holden – Horizons (Original Mix)
- 733. Airwave – Save Me (Original Mix)
- 734. Dj Eremit – Tanz Der Seele (Yomc Remix)
- 735. Leon Bolier – My Precious (Original Mix)
- 736. 4 Strings – Catch A Fall (First States Dark Remix)
- 737. Breakfast – The Horizon (Original Mix)
- 738. Adam Nickey – In Motion (Andy Blueman Remix)
- 739. Yuri Kane – Around You (Original Mix)
- 740. A.M.R. – Elevation (Original Mix)
- 741. Deadmau5 – Hi Friend (Original Mix)
- 742. shane – C'est Musique (Armin van Buuren Remix)

- 743. Jezper – Requiem (Original Mix)
- 744. Cosmic Gate – Fire Wire (Original Mix)
- 745. Dutch Force – Deadline (Original mix)
- 746. Midway – Amazon
- 747. Signum – Push Through (Original Mix)
- 748. C-Quence – Endorphine (Original Mix)
- 749. Armin van Buuren – Slipstream (Original Mix)
- 750. Onova – Platitude (Original mix)
- 751. 8 Wonders – The Morning After (Thrillseekers Remix)
- 752. Liquid Child – Diving Faces (Original Mix)
- 753. Signum – The Timelord (Original Mix)
- 754. Airwave – Alone In The Dark (Original Mix)
- 755. Mike Foyle and Statica – Space Guitar (Trippy Club Mix)
- 756. Filo & Peri Feat. Audrey Gallagher – This Night (Original Mix)
- 757. Paul van Dyk – Vega (Starecase Remix)
- 758. Solarstone – The Calling (RAM Remix)
- 759. Sebastian Brandt – Serenade (Original Mix)
- 760. Ohmna – Satori Waterfalls (Original Mix)
- 761. Nic Chagall – Monday Bar (Original Mix)
- 762. Giuseppe Ottaviani – Linking People (Original Mix)
- 763. Robert Nickson – Circles (Andy Blueman Remix)

- 764. Maor Levi – Shapes (Original Mix)
- 765. Akesson – Sunchaser (Original Mix)
- 766. Temple One – Sahara Nights (Original Mix)
- 767. Duderstadt feat Anita Kelsey – Smile (Duende Vocal Mix)
- 768. Cosmicman – I Love You (Original Mix)
- 769. Paul van Dyk – Another Sunday (Original Mix)
- 770. Bjorn Akesson – Robot Religion (Original Mix)
- 771. Signalrunners – Aria Epica (Bart Claessen Remix)
- 772. Will Holland Feat. Line Froyset – Things That Happen (Temple One Remix)
- 773. Leon Bolier – NSFW (Original Mix)
- 774. Niels van Gogh – Pulverturm (Original Mix)
- 775. ATB – Humanity (Airplay Mix)
- 776. Adiva Ft Vicky Fee – How Does It Feel (Myon & Shane 54 Vocal Mix)
- 777. BT – The Emergency (Marcus Schossow Remix)
- 778. Space Manoeuvres – Stage One (Original Mix)
- 779. Talla 2XLC – Shine (Original Clubmix)
- 780. Agnelli and Nelson – Everyday (Original Mix)
- 781. Yahel – You Inside (Original Mix)
- 782. sebastian Brandt – Technology (Daniel Kandi's Darker Remix)
- 783. Active Sight – Take The Day As It Comes (Original Mix)
- 784. Blank & Jones – Catch (Martin Roth Remix)

- 785. Claudia Cazacu – Lekker (Original Mix)
- 786. Lolo – Why (Original Mix)
- 787. Greg Downey – Global Code (Original Mix)
- 788. C-Systems – Close My Eyes (Lemon & Einar K Remix)
- 789. Majai – Phoria (Elevation Remix)
- 790. Roland Klinkenberg Feat. DJ Remy – Mexico Can Wait (Original Mix)
- 791. Michael Tsukerman – Sivan (Original Mix)
- 792. Active Sight – Adrenalin (Original Mix)
- 793. Mr Sam vs Fred Baker – Forever Waiting (Original Mix)
- 794. 4 Strings – Fly Away (Original Mix)
- 795. Corderoy – Sweetest Dreams (Ferry Corsten Remix)
- 796. Tilt – The World Doesn't Know (Original Mix)
- 797. Allure – The Loves We Lost (Original Mix)
- 798. D-Unity – Area 57 (Original Mix)
- 799. Deadmau5 – Jaded (Original Mix)
- 800. Aalto – 5 (Original Mix)
- 801. Jan Vayne – Miami Sunset (Markus Schulz Remix)
- 802. Hammer & Bennett – Language (Santiago Nino Dub Tech Mix)
- 803. Mirco de Govia – Epic Monolith (Original Mix)
- 804. Dance 2 Trance – Power Of American Natives (Original Mix)
- 805. Aquanuts – Deep Sea (Original Mix)

- 806. Cressida – Two-o-ten (Original Mix)
- 807. Nitrous Oxide – North Pole (Original Mix)
- 808. Airwave – People Just Don't Care (Original Mix)
- 809. Orkidea – Unity (Original Mix)
- 810. Armin van Buuren – Precious (Original Mix)
- 811. Stoneface & Terminal – Another Day (Original Mix)
- 812. Accessive Rhythm – Activate (Original Mix)
- 813. The Future Sound Of London – Papua New Guinea (Original Mix)
- 814. Nitrous Oxide – Amnesia (Original Mix)
- 815. Coca & Villa – La Noche (Original Mix)
- 816. Lustral – Everytime (Nalin & Kane Remix)
- 817. Manuel Le Saux – Waterfall (Original Mix)
- 818. Dance 2 Trance – Hello San Francisco (Original Mix)
- 819. Akesson – Without You (Original Mix)
- 820. Vincent de Moor – Shamu (Original Mix)
- 821. Rapid Eye – Circa Forever (Original Mix)
- 822. Claud9 – Rain (Original Mix)
- 823. Ashley Wallbridge – Shotokan (Original Mix)
- 824. Second Sun – Empire (Paul van Dyk Remix)
- 825. C.M. – Dream Universe (Original Mix)
- 826. Signum – Harmonic (Original Mix)

- 827. Ferry Tayle & Static Blue – L'Acrobat (Original Mix)
- 828. Signum – What Ya Got 4 Me (Original Mix)
- 829. Dj Orkidea – Beautiful (Original Mix)
- 830. David Forbes – Questions Must Be Asked (Magica Mix)
- 831. Paul Van Dyk – Together We Will Conquer (Original Mix)
- 832. Glenn Morrison – No Sudden Moves (Original Mix)
- 833. Carl B – Social Suicide (Original Mix)
- 834. Airwave – Ladyblue (Original Mix)
- 835. Sean Tyas – Drop (Original Mix)
- 836. Alex M.O.R.P.H – Sunshine (Original Mix)
- 837. Thomas Bronzwaer – Certitude (Original Mix)
- 838. 4 Strings – Mainline (4 Turntables Mix)
- 839. Dan Stone – Fahrenheit (Original Mix)
- 840. Jonathan Martin – Insidious (Ashley Wallbridge Remix)
- 841. ATB – The Fields Of Love (Original Mix)
- 842. LNQ – People I Used To Know (Original Mix)
- 843. Dreas Vs. Alex Robert – Mormugao (Original Mix)
- 844. Thomas Datt – 2v2 (Robert Nickson Remix)
- 845. Ernesto vs. Bastian – Killer Tone
- 846. Above & Beyond – Stealing Time (Original Mix)
- 847. ATB – Believe In Me (Original Mix)

- 848. Ilya Soloviev & Poshout – Leaving Planet (Original Mix)
- 849. King Of Clubs – Revelation (Airwave Remix)
- 850. Allure – Ever Enough (Original Mix)
- 851. Carl B – Just a Thought (Original mix)
- 852. Active Sight – Time Goes By (Original Mix)
- 853. Arctic Quest – Strings And Guitars (Original Mix)
- 854. Am- Arise (Exclusive Hammer & Funabashi Remix)
- 855. Wamdue Project – King of my Castle (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 856. Ferry Corsten – Brain Box (Original Mix)
- 857. System F – Solstice (Original Mix)
- 858. Armin van Buuren – Sunburn (Original Mix)
- 859. Chicane – Red Skies (Original Mix)
- 860. Sonic Inc. – Taste Of Summer (Original Mix)
- 861. Hidden Logic featuring Luminary – Wasting (Andy Moor Remix)
- 862. Jochen Miller – Red One (Extended Mix)
- 863. Push – Global Age (Original Mix)
- 864. ATB – Hold You (Original Mix)
- 865. Lange feat. Sarah Howells – Let It All Out (Original Mix)
- 866. Midway – Cobra
- 867. Aven – All I Wanna Do (Ferry Corsten Remix)
- 868. M.I.K.E. – Elements Of Life (Original Mix)

- 869. Chapter XJ – Infinity (Original Mix)
- 870. Oceania pres. Cordonnier – Squares in Boxes (Suncatcher Remix)
- 871. Ron Van Den Beuken – Endless (Original Mix)
- 872. Lange – I Believe (DJ Tandu Remix)
- 873. Max Graham – Airtight (Original Mix)
- 874. Audioholics – External Key (Original Mix)
- 875. Reverse – Distant Destiny (Original Mix)
- 876. Aeon – Masterpiece Of Emotion (Bombastic 12" Mix)
- 877. Rafael Frost – Red (Ferry Corsten Remix)
- 878. Sunny Lax – Aurora (Original Mix)
- 879. Joker Jam – Innocence (Paul van Dyk Remix)
- 880. Dave202 – Departure (Original Mix)
- 881. Atlantis – Fiji (Lange Remix)
- 882. Ambassador – One Of These Days (Original Mix)
- 883. Kamui – Get Lifted (Original Mix)
- 884. Svenson & Gielen – We Know What You Did (Original Mix)
- 885. Sunlounger – White Sand (Original Mix)
- 886. ATB – Missing (Original Mix)
- 887. Andy Ling – Fixation (Airwave Remix)
- 888. Alex Gopher – Handguns (Dada Life Remix)
- 889. Allure feat. Julie Thompson – Do You Feel Me (Original Mix)

- 890. Tritonal – Utopia (Arty Remix)
- 891. DJ Manta – Holding On (Armin van Buuren's Rising Star Mix)
- 892. Airborne Angel – Origo (Original Mix)
- 893. Arias & Arno Cost – Magenta
- 894. Breakfast – Slow Motion (Original Mix)
- 895. Major League – Wonder (Original Mix)
- 896. Perpetuous Dreamer – Dust.wav (Armin van Buuren Rising Star Remix)
- 897. Alphazone – Flashback (Original Mix)
- 898. Sun Decade – I'm Alone (Ronski Speed Vocal Mix)
- 899. Straydog – Mirror (Original Mix)
- 900. Armin van Buuren – Wait For You (Original Mix)
- 901. Above & Beyond – For All I Care (Spencer & Hill Remix)
- 902. Elevation – Ocean Rain (Original Mix)
- 903. Yilmaz Altanhan – Eighties (Original Mix)
- 904. Dj Shog – Feel Me (Duderstadt Uplifting Remix)
- 905. tyDi – Alone (Original Mix)
- 906. Dreas – Sonic Rush (Original Mix)
- 907. Ronski Speed – Revolving Doors (Original Mix)
- 908. Alex Morph & van Eyden pres lexwood – I Love Trance (Original Mix)
- 909. Anton Firtich – Meant To Be Free (Original Mix)
- 910. Three 'N One presents Johnny Shaker – Pearl River (Original Mix)

- 911. Li Kwan – Point Zero (Original Mix)
- 912. Mark Otten – So Serene (Original Mix)
- 913. Darioef feat. Vicky Fee – 2 Am (XGenic Remix)
- 914. Dave 202 & Phil Green – At The End (Original Mix)
- 915. Fred Baker – Forever Friends (Original Extended Mix)
- 916. Ronski Speed Stoneface & Terminal – Incognition (Club Mix)
- 917. Ferry Corsten – Indigo (Original Mix)
- 918. Ali Wilson- Shakedown (Marco V Remix)
- 919. Dave202 – Torrent (Original Mix)
- 920. Mesh – Purple Haze (Original Mix)
- 921. Lexicon 4 – Reach Me (Original Mix)
- 922. Ciro Visone Vs Sara Pollino – The Winners (Original Mix)
- 923. Parker & Hanson – Let Me Be (Original Mix)
- 924. Cherrymoon Trax – The House Of House (Original Mix)
- 925. Alex M.O.R.P.H. & Rank 1 – Life Less Ordinary (Original Mix)
- 926. Dj Ton TB – Dream Machine (First State Remix)
- 927. Chicane – Come Back (Original Mix)
- 928. Andy Moor – No More (Eelke Kleijn Remix)
- 929. Photon Project – Enlightenment (Original Mix)
- 930. Rio Addicts – Crossroads (Original Mix)
- 931. Aly & Fila – Eye Of Horus (Ronski Speed Remix)

- 932. POS – Remember (Summer Sun)(Original Mix)
- 933. Bart Claessen & Dave Schiemann – Madness (Super 8 & Tab Remix)
- 934. DJ Tiësto & Junkie XL – Obsession (Original Mix)
- 935. Airbase – For The Fallen (Original Mix)
- 936. Mark Otten – Mushroom Therapy (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 937. Goldenscan – Halcyon (Original Mix)
- 938. The Thrillseekers – Savannah (Original Mix)
- 939. Paul van Dyk – We Are Alive (Original Mix)
- 940. Kai Tracid – Liquid Skies (Original Mix)
- 941. Dash Berlin – The New Daylight (Original Mix)
- 942. Ernesto vs. Bastian – Who's The Starter (Original Mix)
- 943. Envio – Touched By The Sun (Original Mix)
- 944. Endre – Kallocain (Robert Nickson Remix)
- 945. Shane – Too Late To Turn (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 946. Ronski Speed feat. Ana – The Deep Devine (Gareth Emery Remix)
- 947. Airfire feat Talla 2XLC – No Signs of Life (Original Mix)
- 948. Aluna – All I Need Is Time (Original Mix)
- 949. Frank T.R.A.X. – Nebuchan (O.R.G.A.N. Remix)
- 950. Mono – Rise (Original Mix)
- 951. Arctic Quest – Meltdown (Tech Mix Edit)
- 952. Mark Norman – Overkill (Original Mix)

- 953. Factoria – Revive (Original Mix)
- 954. Gareth Emery – This Is That (Original Mix)
- 955. Kyau vs. Albert – Falling Anywhere (Original Mix)
- 956. Martin Roth & Bartlett Bros – Losing Gravity (Martin Roth NuStyle Mix)
- 957. Phuture Sound feat. Angie – Come To Me (Original Mix)
- 958. Jamaster A – Bells Of Tiananmen (Airbase Remix)
- 959. Stoneface and Terminal – Summerscape (Original Mix)
- 960. Paul Van Dyk – Connected (Original Mix)
- 961. Paul Trainer – Elusive (Original Mix)
- 962. Legend B – Lost In Love (Original Mix)
- 963. Jonas Stenberg – Trademark (Revision Mix)
- 964. sophie Sugar – Redemption (Original Mix)
- 965. A Boy Called Joni – Green Astronauts (Original Mix)
- 966. Mac Zimms – L'Annonce Des Couleurs (Original Mix)
- 967. M6 – Ultimatum (Original Mix)
- 968. Perpetuous Dreamer – Future Fun-Land (Original Mix)
- 969. Temple One – Aurora (Original Mix)
- 970. System F – Spaceman (Original Mix)
- 971. Deep Nights – After the sunset (Original Mix)
- 972. Luc Poulblon – Quantum Leap (Original Mix)
- 973. Trilucid – Departures (Original Mix)

- 974. Aly & Fila – Menes (Original Mix)
- 975. Alex M.O.R.P.H – Break The Light (Original Mix)
- 976. Art Of Trance – Easter Island (Cygnus X Mix)
- 977. Sunny Lax – Mique (7 Skies & Static Blue Remix)
- 978. Tiësto vs Diplo – C'mon (Original Mix)
- 979. Danilo Ercole – Harbour (original mix)
- 980. Calvin Harris – I'm Not Alone (Original Mix)
- 981. Vincent de Moor – Flowtation (Original Mix)
- 982. Allure – No More Tears (Original Mix)
- 983. Green Martian – Industry (Original Mix)
- 984. Markus Schulz and Elevation – Largo (Original Mix)
- 985. Deepsky – Talk like A Stranger (Original Mix)
- 986. Ambassador – The Fade (Original Mix)
- 987. Inertia – The System (Original Mix)
- 988. Free Radical – Surreal (En-Motion Mix)
- 989. Riva – Time Is The Healer (Armin van Buuren Remix)
- 990. Sonic Inc. – I Feel 4 You (Original Mix)
- 991. Goldenscan – Only With You (Original Mix)
- 992. Envio – Time To Say Goodbye (Original Mix)
- 993. York – The Awakening (Original Mix)
- 994. Yves Deruyter – Feel Free (Original Mix)

- 995. Armani & Ghost – Airport (Original Mix)
 - 996. ATN – Miss A Day (Original Mix)
 - 997. Riva – Stringer (Original Mix)
 - 998. Libra Presents Taylor – Calling Your Name
 - 999. Simon Patterson – Always (Original Mix)
 - 1000. Katana – Fancy Fair (Original Mix)
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Top 1000 Rock Songs (2020-01-11 22:01)

- 1000 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Long Time Gone
- 999 Van Halen - Best Of Both Worlds
- 998 The Who - The Seeker
- 997 Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band - Roll Me Away
- 996 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Crosstown Traffic
- 995 Pat Benatar - You Better Run
- 994 U2 - Angel Of Harlem
- 993 Traffic - Glad/Freedom Rider
- 992 Paul McCartney - Too Many People
- 991 The Allman Brothers Band - Ain't Wastin' Time No More
- 990 Spirit - I Got A Line On You
- 989 Stevie Ray Vaughan & Double Trouble - The House Is Rockin'
- 988 Pat Benatar - Promises In The Dark
- 987 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Stone Free
- 986 Queen - Keep Yourself Alive
- 985 Santana - Soul Sacrifice
- 984 Eagles - James Dean
- 983 The Who - Gettin' In Tune
- 982 John Mellencamp - Paper In Fire
- 981 Grateful Dead - Uncle John's Band
- 980 Sammy Hagar - There's Only One Way To Rock
- 979 KISS - Shout It Out Loud
- 978 Rolling Stones - Rocks Off
- 977 Van Halen - Love Walks In
- 976 Eric Clapton - Pretending
- 975 Bruce Springsteen - Badlands
- 974 The Doors - The Crystal Ship
- 973 Van Halen - Dreams
- 972 The Who - The Kids Are Alright
- 971 Triumph - Lay It On The Line
- 970 Nazareth - Hair Of The Dog
- 969 Robert Plant - Little By Little

968 Yes - Yours Is No Disgrace
967 Pat Benatar - Hell Is For Children
966 Guns N' Roses - Patience
965 .38 Special - Rockin' Into The Night
964 David Bowie - Ziggy Stardust
963 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Dark Star
962 Elvis Costello - Pump It Up
961 The Who - Slip Kid
960 Bruce Springsteen - Thunder Road
959 Bryan Adams - This Time
958 Ozzy Osbourne - Mama, I'm Coming Home
957 Bob Dylan - Subterranean Homesick Blues
956 Bad Company - Good Lovin' Gone Bad
955 Clash - London Calling
954 Paul McCartney - Hi Hi Hi
953 Stevie Ray Vaughan - Cold Shot
952 Billy Idol - Hot In The City
951 Steve Miller Band - Space Cowboy
950 Heart - Even It Up
949 Nazareth - Love Hurts
948 Bob Seger - Betty Lou's Gettin' Out Tonight
947 KISS - I Was Made For Lovin' You
946 J. Geils Band - Give It To Me
945 Stevie Ray Vaughan - The Sky Is Crying
944 Guns N' Roses - Knockin' On Heaven's Door
943 Rush - New World Man
942 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Manic Depression
941 Bruce Springsteen - Tunnel Of Love
940 Fixx - Saved By Zero
939 Def Leppard - Bringin' On The Heartbreak
938 Neil Young - Down By The River
937 Van Halen - Right Now
936 John Mellencamp - Check It Out
935 ZZ Top - Waiting For The Bus/Jesus Just Left
934 Kinks - Destroyer
933 Loggins & Messina - Angry Eyes
932 Great White - Once Bitten Twice Shy
931 David Bowie - The Jean Genie
930 Blondie - Dreaming
929 Rolling Stones - Waiting On A Friend
928 John Lennon - No. 9 Dream
927 Eric Clapton - She's Waiting
926 Neil Young - Only Love Can Break Your Heart
925 Billy Idol - Cradle Of Love
924 Badfinger - Baby Blue
923 Sammy Hagar - Your Love Is Driving Me Crazy
922 Glenn Frey - Smuggler's Blues
921 Roxy Music - Love Is The Drug
920 The Who - The Song Is Over
919 Pink Floyd - On The Turning Away

918 Paul McCartney & Wings - Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Five
917 Journey - I'll Be Alright Without You
916 Genesis - Home By The Sea
915 Van Halen - Dancing In The Streets
914 Bad Company - Rock Steady
913 Pat Benatar - We Belong
912 Thin Lizzy - Jailbreak
911 Rod Stewart - Mandolin Wind
910 U2/B.B. King - When Love Comes To Town
909 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Are You Experienced?
908 Billy Joel - Pressure
907 The Who - Athena
906 Police - Driven To Tears
905 Eric Clapton - It's In The Way That You Use It
904 Byrds - So You Want To Be A Rock 'N' Roll Star
903 U2 - Desire
902 Donnie Iris - Ah! Leah!
901 Bob Seger - Feel Like A Number
900 Heart - Kick It Out
899 Bad Company - Burnin' Sky
898 Billy Squier - My Kinda Lover
897 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - I Need To Know
896 George Thorogood - I Drink Alone
895 Van Halen - Why Can't This Be Love
894 Raspberries - Go All The Way
893 Police - Can't Stand Losing You
892 Def Leppard - Rock Of Ages
891 Pat Benatar - Treat Me Right
890 Paul McCartney - Helen Wheels
889 Journey - Feeling That Way/Anytime
888 INXS - The One Thing
887 Janis Joplin - Down On Me
886 Pat Benatar - I Need A Lover
885 Steely Dan - Black Friday
884 Rainbow - Since You Been Gone
883 Steve Miller Band - Living In The USA
882 Dire Straits - Skateaway
881 REO Speedwagon - Time For Me To Fly
880 Thunderclap Newman - Something In The Air
879 Quiet Riot - Cum On Feel The Noize
878 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Sweet Hitch-Hiker
877 Pete Townshend - Rough Boys
876 Traffic - Empty Pages
875 ZZ Top - Got Me Under Pressure
874 Foghat - I Just Want To Make Love To You
873 U2 - One
872 Talking Heads - Wild Wild Life
871 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Tuesday's Gone
870 Def Leppard - Foolin'
869 Eddie Money - Think I'm In Love

868 Lynyrd Skynyrd - You Got That Right
867 George Thorogood - Move It On Over
866 Guess Who - Hand Me Down World
865 Foghat - Fool For The City
864 The Allman Brothers Band - Revival
863 Traveling Wilburys - Handle With Care
862 Police - Walking On The Moon
861 Pat Benatar - Love Is A Battlefield
860 Heart - Heartless
859 Lee Michaels - Do You Know What I Mean
858 Van Halen - When It's Love
857 The Firm - Radioactive
856 The Beatles - Rain
855 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Listen To Her Heart
854 Elton John - Border Song
853 Alice Cooper - I'm Eighteen
852 Rod Stewart - Hot Legs
851 Bob Seger - You'll Accomp'ny Me
850 Gary Wright - Love Is Alive
849 Gregg Allman - I'm No Angel
848 Fleetwood Mac - Oh Well
847 Canned Heat - On The Road Again
846 Foreigner - Dirty White Boy
845 Buffalo Springfield - Mr. Soul
844 Talking Heads - Psycho Killer
843 John Mellencamp - R.O.C.K. In The U.S.A.
842 John Fogerty - Rock And Roll Girls
841 Supertramp - Bloody Well Right
840 Guns N' Roses - Welcome To The Jungle
839 Deep Purple - Space Truckin'
838 Clash - I Fought The Law
837 Billy Squier - The Stroke
836 Bad Company - Movin' On
835 ZZ Top - I Thank You
834 Tom Petty - You Don't Know How It Feels
833 Journey - Only The Young
832 REO Speedwagon - Ridin' The Storm Out
831 John Mellencamp - Rain On The Scarecrow
830 Grateful Dead - Casey Jones
829 Van Halen - Finish What Ya Started
828 Molly Hatchet - Flirtin' With Disaster
827 Rare Earth - I Just Want To Celebrate
826 Outlaws - Green Grass And High Tides
825 Grateful Dead - Touch Of Grey
824 David Bowie - Starman
823 Bon Jovi - Runaway
822 Steve Winwood - While You See A Chance
821 Head East - Never Been Any Reason
820 Creedence Clearwater Revival - The Midnight Special
819 Pink Floyd - Learning To Fly

818 Billy Squier - Everybody Wants You
817 Doobie Brothers - Takin' It To The Streets
816 Tom Petty - Yer So Bad
815 Fleetwood Mac - Monday Morning
814 Cat Stevens - Peace Train
813 Sammy Hagar - I Can't Drive 55
812 Tesla - Signs
811 John Fogerty - The Old Man Down The Road
810 Guns N' Roses - Paradise City
809 Neil Young - After The Gold Rush
808 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Saturday Night Special
807 Eddie Money - Shakin'
806 Billy Joel - Allentown
805 Elton John - Take Me To The Pilot
804 ZZ Top - Cheap Sunglasses
803 Stevie Ray Vaughan - Crossfire
802 Queen - Bicycle Race
801 The Doors - Alabama Song (Whisky Bar)
800 Peter Gabriel - Shock The Monkey

799 Genesis - Paperlate
798 Electric Light Orchestra - Strange Magic
797 Midnight Oil - Beds Are Burning
796 Edgar Winter - Free Ride
795 U2 - Mysterious Ways
794 Red Rider - Lunatic Fringe
793 John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band - Give Peace A Chance
792 Pretenders - Middle Of The Road
791 The Animals - Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood
790 Boston - Amanda
789 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Even The Losers
788 Santana - She's Not There
787 Jefferson Starship - Find Your Way Back
786 Jethro Tull - Hymn 43
785 Bryan Adams - Cuts Like A Knife
784 Jethro Tull - Bungle In The Jungle
783 Black Crowes - Hard To Handle
782 Billy Joel - Movin' Out (Anthony's Song)
781 Stevie Ray Vaughan - Pride And Joy
780 Bad Company - Shooting Star
779 John Mellencamp - Authority Song
778 The Allman Brothers Band - Blue Sky
777 George Thorogood - Who Do You Love
776 Genesis - No Reply At All
775 Bryan Adams - Run To You
774 Foreigner - Long, Long Way From Home
773 Outlaws - There Goes Another Love Song
772 Elton John - Honky Cat
771 Billy Squier - Lonely Is The Night
770 Bob Seger - Ramblin' Gamblin' Man

769 Mike & The Mechanics - All I Need Is A Miracle
768 Rod Stewart - (I Know) I'm Losing You
767 Police - De Do Do Do De Da Da Da
766 Gary Wright - Dream Weaver
765 Joe Walsh - All Night Long
764 Eric Burdon & War - Spill The Wine
763 Dr. John - Right Place, Wrong Time
762 J. Geils Band - Love Stinks
761 INXS - New Sensation
760 Cream - Tales Of Brave Ulysses
759 Billy Idol - Dancing With Myself
758 U2 - Where The Streets Have No Name
757 Rolling Stones - Hang Fire
756 Neil Young - Rockin' In The Free World
755 Pretenders - My City Was Gone
754 Doobie Brothers - Take Me In Your Arms (Rock Me)
753 Meatloaf - Paradise By The Dashboard Light
752 David Essex - Rock On
751 KISS - Rock And Roll All Nite
750 George Thorogood - Bad To The Bone
749 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Don't Ask Me No Questions
748 Bob Seger - Her Strut
747 Joe Cocker - The Letter
746 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Fire
745 Joan Jett - I Love Rock 'N' Roll
744 Fleetwood Mac - Sara
743 Bad Company - Ready For Love
742 Billy Squier - In The Dark
741 Foreigner - Head Games
740 Van Halen - Intruder/Pretty Woman
739 Jethro Tull - Teacher
738 Genesis - Invisible Touch
737 Deep Purple - Highway Star
736 Bob Seger - Like A Rock
735 The Beatles - I Want You (She's So Heavy)
734 Asia - Only Time Will Tell
733 Spencer Davis Group - I'm A Man
732 Talking Heads - Take Me To The River
731 Norman Greenbaum - Spirit In The Sky
730 Billy Joel - It's Still Rock And Roll To Me
729 Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels - Devil With A Blue Dress On
728 John Mellencamp - Hurts So Good
727 Grand Funk Railroad - The Loco-Motion
726 Byrds - Eight Miles High
725 Steve Winwood - Higher Love
724 The Band - The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down
723 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Mary Jane's Last Dance
722 Led Zeppelin - Ten Years Gone
721 Atlanta Rhythm Section - So Into You
720 R.E.M. It's The End Of The World As We Know It

719 J. Geils Band - Freeze Frame
718 Rod Stewart - Every Picture Tells A Story
717 Eric Clapton - I Can't Stand it
716 Eddie Money - Take Me Home Tonight
715 Paul Simon - Me And Julio Down By The School Yard
714 Lynyrd Skynyrd - That Smell
713 Electric Light Orchestra - Fire On High
712 Boston - Feelin' Satisfied
711 Jethro Tull - Cross-Eyed Mary
710 Doobie Brothers - Jesus Is Just Alright
709 INXS - Need You Tonight
708 Blind Faith - Can't Find My Way Home
707 Steve Winwood - Valerie
706 Jefferson Starship - Miracles
705 Loverboy - Turn Me Loose
704 Grateful Dead - Truckin'
703 Billy Joel - It's Still Rock and Roll To Me
702 Rolling Stones - *****
701 Dire Straits - Walk Of Life
700 Alice Cooper - No More Mr. Nice Guy
699 Santana - Winning
698 Foreigner - Urgent
697 Talking Heads - Once In A Lifetime
696 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Simple Man
695 Genesis - Turn It On Again
694 Loggins & Messina - Your Mama Don't Dance
693 Cream - Strange Brew
692 Cat Stevens - Wild World
691 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Into The Great Wide Open
690 Eric Clapton - Forever Man
689 Bachman-Turner Overdrive - Roll On Down The Highway
688 The Beatles - Back In The U.S.S.R.
687 Bob Seger - Old Time Rock & Roll
686 The Band - Up On Cripple Creek
685 Elton John - The ***** Is Back
684 J. Geils Band - Must Of Got Lost
683 Sugarloaf - Green-Eyed Lady
682 Rolling Stones - Midnight Rambler
681 Alan Parsons Project - Games People Play
680 Paul McCartney - Listen To What The Man Said
679 Rick Derringer - Rock And Roll, Hoochie Koo
678 Police - Wrapped Around Your Finger
677 Kinks - Sunny Afternoon
676 Styx - The Grand Illusion
675 Janis Joplin - Mercedes Benz
674 Stevie Nicks - Stand Back
673 Jimi Hendrix Experience - The Wind Cries Mary
672 John Mellencamp - Crumblin' Down
671 Guess Who - Share The Land
670 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Hey Tonight

669 Tom Cochrane - Life Is A Highway
668 Zombies - She's Not There
667 Jimmy Buffet - Margaritaville
666 The Who - I Can't Explain
665 Night Ranger - Don't Tell Me You Love Me
664 Golden Earring - Radar Love
663 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Marrakesh Express
662 David Bowie - China Girl
661 Elton John - Crocodile Rock
660 Deep Purple - Woman From Tokyo
659 Steve Miller Band - Jungle Love
658 The Animals - We Gotta Get Out Of This Place
657 Jethro Tull - Thick As A Brick
656 Robert Palmer - Bad Case Of Lovin' You
655 Grand Funk Railroad - Some Kind Of Wonderful
654 Fleetwood Mac - Say You Love Me
653 Def Leppard - Photograph
652 Pat Benatar - Hit Me With Your Best Shot
651 Rainbow - Man On The Silver Mountain
650 John Mellencamp - Lonely Ol' Night
649 Queen - You're My Best Friend
648 The Beatles - Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da
647 Don Henley - The End Of The Innocence
646 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Green River
645 Journey - Faithfully
644 The Yardbirds - For Your Love
643 Fleetwood Mac - Little Lies
642 Bad Company - Feel Like Makin' Love
641 America - Tin Man
640 Talking Heads - Life During Wartime
639 Rolling Stones - Let It Bleed
638 Led Zeppelin - Gallow's Pole
637 The Allman Brothers Band - One Way Out
636 Pink Floyd - Run Like Hell
635 Jackson Browne - The Load Out/Stay
634 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Don't Come Around Here No More
633 Eagles - Victim Of Love
632 Moody Blues - I'm Just A Singer (In A Rock And Roll Band)
631 Heart - Straight On
630 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Wooden Ships
629 Ace - How Long
628 Foreigner - Hot Blooded
627 Youngbloods - Get Together
626 Eddie Money - Baby Hold On
625 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Hey Joe
624 Paul McCartney - Junior's Farm
623 Genesis - Tonight, Tonight, Tonight
622 John Fogerty - Centerfield
621 Jackson Browne - Doctor My Eyes
620 Pretenders - Back On The Chain Gang

619 The Allman Brothers Band - Whipping Post
618 Pat Benatar - Heartbreaker
617 Joan Jett & The Blackhearts - I Hate Myself For Loving You
616 Outfield - Your Love
615 Jackson Browne - Boulevard
614 Elton John - Saturday Night's Alright For Fighting
613 The Cars - Moving In Stereo
612 Rush - Subdivisions
611 Boston - Hitch A Ride
610 Joe Cocker - She Came In Through The Bathroom Window
609 The Who - Tommy Can You Hear Me?
608 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Travelin' Band
607 The Beatles - Golden Slumbers
606 Van Halen - Jump
605 Ten Years After - I'd Love To Change The World
604 Styx - Blue Collar Man (Long Nights)
603 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Gimme Three Steps
602 Jefferson Starship - Jane
601 George Harrison - Give Me Love

600 Eric Clapton - Lay Down Sally

599 Foreigner - Double Vision
598 Don Henley - All She Wants To Do Is Dance
597 Guns N' Roses - Sweet Child O' Mine
596 Eagles - New Kid In Town
595 Cheap Trick - Dream Police
594 Derek & The Dominos - Bell Bottom Blues
593 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Learning To Fly
592 Rolling Stones - Emotional Rescue
591 David Bowie - Rebel Rebel
590 Bon Jovi - Livin' On A Prayer
589 Bob Seger - The Fire Down Below
588 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Who'll Stop The Rain
587 Black Crowes - She Talks To Angels
586 Rod Stewart - You Wear It Well
585 The Beatles - Don't Let Me Down
584 AC/DC - Shot Down In Flames
583 Mountain - Mississippi Queen
582 Talking Heads - Burning Down The House
581 Marshall Tucker Band - Heard It In A Love Song
580 Bryan Adams - Summer of '69
579 Elton John - Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me
578 Sammy Hagar - Heavy Metal
577 Alan Parsons Project - I Wouldn't Want To Be Like You
576 INXS - What You Need
575 Pink Floyd - Empty Spaces/Young Lust
574 David Bowie - Golden Years
573 REO Speedwagon - Keep On Loving You
572 Troggs - Wild Thing
571 John Mellencamp - Pink Houses

570 Queen - Killer Queen
569 Rolling Stones - She's So Cold
568 Journey - Any Way You Want It
567 Edgar Winter - Frankenstein
566 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Breakdown
565 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Our House
564 Bob Seger - Still The Same
563 Pat Benatar - Shadows of the Night
562 Night Ranger - When You Close Your Eyes
561 Van Halen - Runnin' With The Devil
560 Paul Simon - Kodachrome
559 Robert Plant - Big Log
558 Mott The Hoople - All The Young Dudes
557 The Who - Summertime Blues
556 Billy Idol - Eyes Without A Face
555 The Beatles - Strawberry Fields Forever
554 Joe Cocker - Feelin' Alright
553 Faces - Stay With Me
552 Steve Miller Band - Swingtown
551 Rolling Stones - Happy
550 Eric Clapton - Wonderful Tonight
549 J. Geils Band - Centerfold
548 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Down On The Corner
547 Genesis - Just A Job To Do
546 Stevie Nicks & Tom Petty - Stop Draggin' My Heart Around
545 Steely Dan - My Old School
544 The Who - 5:15
543 Bruce Springsteen - Prove It All Night
542 Steve Miller Band - Rock N' Me
541 David Bowie - Young Americans
540 Rolling Stones - Shattered
539 Bon Jovi - You Give Love A Bad Name
538 Led Zeppelin - Dancing Days
537 Eddie Money - Two Tickets To Paradise
536 Jethro Tull - Living In The Past
535 George Thorogood - One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer
534 Fleetwood Mac - Landslide
533 Bon Jovi - Wanted Dead Or Alive
532 Blues Image - Ride Captain Ride
531 The Cars - Shake It Up
530 The Beatles - Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds
529 Three Dog Night - Mama Told Me (Not To Come)
528 Steve Miller Band - Fly Like An Eagle
527 Moody Blues - Question
526 Peter Gabriel - Sledgehammer
525 Guess Who - These Eyes
524 John Cafferty & The Beaver Brown Band - On The Dark Side
523 The Who - The Real Me
522 Grand Funk Railroad - We're An American Band
521 John Lennon - Whatever Gets You Through The Night

520 Foreigner - Waiting For A Girl Like You
519 The Doors - Back Door Man
518 Bruce Springsteen - Rosalita (Come Out Tonight)
517 Rolling Stones - Can't You Hear Me Knocking
516 Elton John - Someone Saved My Life Tonight
515 Electric Light Orchestra - Do Ya
514 Clash - Train In Vain
513 Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band - Mainstreet
512 Van Halen - Top Of The World
511 Pink Floyd - Have A Cigar
510 David Bowie - Suffragette City
509 Styx - Too Much Time On My Hands
508 Bachmann-Turner Overdrive - You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet
507 David Bowie - Let's Dance
506 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Here Comes My Girl
505 Van Halen - Where Have All The Good Times Gone!
504 Traffic - Dear Mr. Fantasy
503 Kinks - Come Dancing
502 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Suzie Q
501 Billy Joel - My Life
500 Lynyrd Skynyrd - What's Your Name
499 Lou Reed - Walk On The Wild Side
498 Black Sabbath - N.I.B.
497 Rolling Stones - As Tears Go By
496 Guess Who - No Sugar Tonight/New Mother Nature
495 The Beatles - Lady Madonna
494 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Just A Song Before I Go
493 Manfred Mann - Blinded By The Light
492 John Mellencamp - Small Town
491 The Who - We're Not Gonna Take It
490 Phil Collins - Take Me Home
489 Dio - Rainbow In The Dark
488 Loverboy - Lovin' Every Minute Of It
487 Pretenders - Brass In Pocket
486 Moody Blues - The Story In Your Eyes
485 Eagles - The Best Of My Love
484 Journey - Who's Crying Now
483 Doobie Brothers - Rockin' Down The Highway
482 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Up Around The Bend
481 KISS - Detroit Rock City
480 Elton John - Daniel
479 Led Zeppelin - How Many More Times
478 Badfinger - No Matter What
477 Electric Light Orchestra - Telephone Line
476 Bob Seger - Katmandu
475 The Byrds - Mr. Tambourine Man
474 Peter Frampton - Show Me The Way
473 Whitesnake - Here I Go Again
472 Jethro Tull - Aqualung
471 Van Halen - Dance The Night Away

470 Eric Clapton - Let It Rain
469 Emerson, Lake & Palmer - From The Beginning
468 Bruce Springsteen - Hungry Heart
467 The Cars - Drive
466 Rolling Stones - Angie
465 The Beatles - I Feel Fine
464 Talking Heads - And She Was
463 Yes - Long Distance Runaround/The Fish
462 Robert Plant - In The Mood
461 Grand Funk Railroad - Closer To Home/I'm Your Captain
460 David Bowie - Changes
459 Robert Palmer - Addicted To Love
458 Genesis - Land Of Confusion
457 The Who - I'm Free
456 Led Zeppelin - Communication Breakdown
455 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Run Through The Jungle
454 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - The Waiting
453 Chicago - Saturday In The Park
452 Bachman-Turner Overdrive - Let It Ride
451 Bruce Hornsby & The Range - The Way It Is
450 T. Rex - Bang A Gong (Get It On)
449 Scandal - The Warrior
448 Neil Young - Southern Man
447 Boston - Smokin'
446 Kinks - All Day And All Of The Night
445 Cream - Badge
444 Doors - Twentieth Century Fox
443 The Cars - It's All I Can Do
442 Rolling Stones - Beast Of Burden
441 Doobie Brothers - Long Train Runnin'
440 Black Sabbath - Black Sabbath
439 Police - Spirits In The Material World
438 Elton John - Tiny Dancer
437 Chicago - Feelin' Stronger Every Day
436 Supertramp - Take The Long Way Home
435 Led Zeppelin - Four Sticks
434 AC/DC - High Voltage
433 Thin Lizzy - The Boys Are Back In Town
432 Traffic - The Low Spark Of High Heeled Boys
431 Foreigner - Juke Box Hero
430 The Who - Long Live Rock
429 Van Halen - Mean Street
428 The Beatles - Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band
427 Steely Dan - Dirty Work
426 Stevie Nicks - Edge Of Seventeen
425 Moody Blues - Ride My See-Saw
424 Aerosmith - Angel
423 Janis Joplin - Piece Of My Heart
422 Free - All Right Now
421 Journey - Lovin' Touchin' Squeezin'/City Of The Angels

420 Eagles - Take It To The Limit
419 John Mellencamp - Jack And Diane
418 Scorpions - The Zoo
417 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Lookin' Out My Back Door
416 Fixx - One Thing Leads To Another
415 Led Zeppelin - Houses Of The Holy
414 America - A Horse With No Name
413 Bad Company - Rock 'N' Roll Fantasy
412 Asia - Heat Of The Moment
411 Rolling Stones - Wild Horses
410 Genesis - Abacab
409 Aerosmith - The Other Side
408 The Doors - The End
407 Pink Floyd - Welcome To The Machine
406 ZZ Top - Gimme All Your Lovin'
405 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Call Me The Breeze
404 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - American Girl
403 Eagles - Desperado
402 Billy Squier - Rock Me Tonite
401 Deep Purple - Hush

400 Bad Company - Bad Company

399 Styx - Fooling Yourself
398 The Beatles - Got To Get You Into My Life
397 AC/DC - Thunderstruck
396 Steely Dan - Hey Nineteen
395 Elton John - Rocket Man
394 Foreigner - Cold As Ice
393 Bob Seger - Against The Wind
392 Van Halen - Jamie's Cryin'
391 Billy Idol - Rebel Yell
390 Ozzy Osbourne - No More Tears
389 Led Zeppelin - Babe I'm Gonna Leave You
388 Genesis - Misunderstanding
387 James Gang - Walk Away
386 ZZ Top - Legs
385 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - You Got Lucky
384 Eagles - Witchy Woman
383 Romantics - What I Like About You
382 Journey - Stone In Love
381 Rolling Stones - Start Me Up
380 Foreigner - Feels Like The First Time
379 David Bowie - Fame
378 Fleetwood Mac - Gypsy
377 The Doors - Soul Kitchen
376 The Cars - Bye Bye Love
375 The Who - I Can See For Miles
374 .38 Special - Caught Up In You
373 The Rascals - Good Lovin'
372 Pete Townshend - Let My Love Open The Door

371 James Gang - Funk No. 49
370 Supertramp - Give A Little Bit
369 Grand Funk Railroad - Bad Time
368 Rolling Stones - Street Fighting Man
367 John Mellencamp - I Need A Lover
366 The Beatles - Magical Mystery Tour
365 Blondie - One Way Or Another
364 Tom Petty - You Wreck Me
363 Cheap Trick - I Want You To Want Me
362 Led Zeppelin - Good Times Bad Times
361 Elton John - Goodbye Yellow Brick Road
360 Genesis - That's All
359 Rush - Freewill
358 Doobie Brothers - Listen To The Music
357 Eric Clapton - Cocaine
356 Queen - Fat Bottomed Girls
355 Boston - Let Me Take You Home Tonight
354 The Band - The Weight
353 Steely Dan - FM
352 Rolling Stones - Tumbling Dice
351 The Beatles - Drive My Car
350 Neil Young - Heart Of Gold
349 Foghat - Slow Ride
348 AC/DC - You Shook Me All Night Long
347 Phil Collins - I Don't Care Anymore
346 Steely Dan - Rikki Don't Lose That Number
345 Billy Joel - You May Be Right
344 Styx - Come Sail Away
343 Fleetwood Mac - Rhiannon
342 Clash - Should I Stay Or Should I Go
341 Doors - Roadhouse Blues
340 Bruce Springsteen - Born In The U.S.A.
339 Aerosmith - Janies Got A Gun
338 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Born On The Bayou
337 Chicago - Does Anybody Know What Time It Is
336 Peter Gabriel - In Your Eyes
335 Led Zeppelin - Thank You
334 The Who - Squeeze Box
333 Santana - Evil Ways
332 Rolling Stones - Time Is On My Side
331 The Beatles - Something
330 Don Henley - Dirty Laundry
329 Bob Dylan - Rainy Day Women #12 & 35
328 Van Halen - Beautiful Girls
327 Van Morrison - Domino
326 The Clash - Rock The Casbah
325 Loverboy - Working For The Weekend
324 Emerson, Lake & Palmer - Karn Evil 9: 1st Impression Part 2
323 Ozzy Osbourne - Shot In The Dark
322 Cheap Trick - Surrender

321 Eagles - Peaceful Easy Feeling
320 Peter Frampton - Do You Feel Like We Do
319 Bachman-Turner Overdrive - Takin' Care Of Business
318 .38 Special - Hold On Loosely
317 AC/DC - It's A Long Way To The Top
316 Rolling Stones - 19th Nervous Breakdown
315 The Doors - Love Me Two Times
314 Bruce Springsteen - Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out
313 The Beatles - Hello Goodbye
312 Rush - Closer To The Heart
311 The Allman Brothers Band - Melissa
310 Queen - Crazy Little Thing Called Love
309 The Byrds - Turn! Turn! Turn!
308 Journey - Wheel In The Sky
307 The Who - Magic Bus
306 Led Zeppelin - Trampled Under Foot
305 Rod Stewart - Maggie May
304 Neil Young - Cinnamon Girl
303 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Teach Your Children
302 Rolling Stones - Mother's Little Helper
301 Journey - Don't Stop Believin'
300 Todd Rundgren - Hello It's Me
299 Police - Message In A Bottle
298 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Foxey Lady
297 Neil Young - Old Man
296 Kinks - You Really Got Me
295 Aerosmith - Love In An Elevator
294 Van Halen - Feel Your Love Tonight
293 Billy Idol - White Wedding
292 Doors - People Are Strange
291 Creedence Clearwater Revival - I Heard It Through The Grapevine
290 The Beatles - The Ballad Of John And Yoko
289 The Who - Pinball Wizard
288 AC/DC - Rock And Roll Ain't Noise Pollution
287 Janis Joplin - Me And Bobby McGee
286 The Cars - Magic
285 Moody Blues - The Afternoon: Forever Afternoon(Tuesday?)
284 ZZ Top - Sharp Dressed Man
283 Emerson, Lake & Palmer - Lucky Man
282 Queen - Another One Bites The Dust
281 America - Ventura Highway
280 U2 - Sunday Bloody Sunday
279 Toto - Hold The Line
278 Led Zeppelin - Misty Mountain Hop
277 Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band - Night Moves
276 Steely Dan - Reeling In The Years
275 Santana - Oye Como Va
274 Rolling Stones - Let's Spend The Night Together
273 Eric Clapton - After Midnight
272 Ozzy Osbourne - Mr. Crowley

271 Doors - Hello, I Love You
270 Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young - Ohio
269 Peter Gabriel - Solsbury Hill
268 Queen - Somebody To Love
267 Kinks - Lola
266 Stealers Wheel - Stuck In The Middle With You
265 Tubes - She's A Beauty
264 AC/DC - Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap
263 Bruce Springsteen - Glory Days
262 Pink Floyd - Money
261 Aerosmith - Same Old Song And Dance
260 Jackson Browne - Running On Empty
259 Golden Earring - Twilight Zone
258 Rolling Stones - Miss You
257 Black Sabbath - Children of the Grave
256 The Beatles - Revolution
255 The Allman Brothers Band - Ramblin' Man
254 Kansas - Dust In The Wind
253 Tom Petty - Free Fallin'
252 The Who - Goin' Mobile
251 Led Zeppelin - D'Yer Mak'er
250 Blondie - Call Me
249 Hollies - Long Cool Woman (In a Black Dress)
248 Van Halen - Panama
247 Heart - Magic Man
246 The Cars - You're All I've Got Tonight
245 Queen - Under Pressure
244 Billy Joel - Big Shot
243 Eagles - Tequila Sunrise
242 Rolling Stones - Ain't Too Proud To Beg
241 Doobie Brothers - Black Water
240 Blue Oyster Cult - Burnin' For You
239 Badfinger - Day After Day
238 Stephen Stills - Love The One You're With
237 Wings - Let 'Em In
236 Led Zeppelin - All My Love
235 Warren Zevon - Werewolves Of London
234 Guess Who - American Woman
233 The Who - Eminence Front
232 Aerosmith - What It Takes
231 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Proud Mary
230 David Bowie - Modern Love
229 Ozzy Osbourne - Bark At The Moon
228 Rolling Stones - Get Off My Cloud
227 Cars - Dangerous Type
226 Spencer Davis Group - Gimme Some Lovin'
225 Don Henley - The Boys Of Summer
224 The Beatles - Norwegian Wood
223 Santana - Black Magic Woman/Gypsy Queen
222 Led Zeppelin - What Is And What Should Never Be

221 AC/DC - Girls Got Rhythm
220 Elton John - Funeral For A Friend (Love Lies Bleeding)
219 Boston - Rock & Roll Band
218 Electric Light Orchestra - Evil Woman
217 Scorpions - No One Like You
216 The Doors - Break On Through (To The Other Side)
215 Paul McCartney & Wings - Live And Let Die
214 Steve Miller Band - Abracadabra
213 Aerosmith - Dude (Looks Like A Lady)
212 Bob Dylan - Like A Rolling Stone
211 America - Sister Golden Hair
210 Rush - Limelight
209 The Allman Brothers Band - Jessica
208 The Who - My Generation
207 Zombies - Time Of The Season
206 Heart - Barracuda
205 Eagles - Lyin' Eyes
204 Police - Every Little Thing She Does
203 Cream - Sunshine Of Your Love
202 The Beatles - Ticket To Ride
201 Van Halen - And The Cradle Will Rock...

200 Rolling Stones - Under My Thumb

199 Kansas - Point Of Know Return
198 Steve Miller Band - Jet Airliner
197 Moody Blues - Nights In White Satin
196 Jefferson Airplane - Somebody To Love
195 Rush - The Spirit Of Radio
194 Cars - Let's Go
193 Led Zeppelin - Hey Hey What Can I Do
192 Journey - Lights
191 Elton John - Levon
190 AC/DC - T.N.T.
189 Doors - Riders On The Storm
188 Chicago - Beginnings
187 Dire Straits - So Far Away
186 Steppenwolf - Born To Be Wild
185 Procol Harum - A Whiter Shade Of Pale
184 Yes - Roundabout
183 Paul McCartney - Another Day
182 Electric Light Orchestra - Don't Bring Me Down
181 Pink Floyd - Us & Them/Any Colour/Brain Damage/Eclipse
180 Heart - Crazy On You
179 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Bad Moon Rising
178 Police - Roxanne
177 The Who - Join Together
176 Led Zeppelin - Dazed And Confused
175 Black Sabbath - Sweet Leaf
174 Cars - My Best Friend's Girl
173 Van Morrison - Wild Night

172 Van Halen - Hot For Teacher
171 Rolling Stones - Paint It Black
170 Billy Joel - Piano Man
169 Steely Dan - Do It Again
168 Supertramp - Goodbye Stranger
167 Paul McCartney - Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey
166 Joe Cocker - With A Little Help From My Friends
165 Judas Priest - Living After Midnight
164 Eagles - Life In The Fast Lane
163 Ozzy Osbourne - I Don't Know
162 Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young - Woodstock
161 Steve Miller Band - Take The Money And Run
160 Pure Prairie League - Amie
159 Joe Walsh - Life's Been Good
158 Bob Dylan - Tangled Up In Blue
157 The Beatles - Come Together
156 Elton John - Your Song
155 AC/DC - Have A Drink On Me
154 Bob Seger - Hollywood Nights
153 Marshall Tucker Band - Can't You See
152 Aerosmith - Back In The Saddle
151 Rolling Stones - Ruby Tuesday
150 Pink Floyd - Wish You Were Here
149 Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young - Carry On
148 Van Halen - Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love
147 The Who - Bargain
146 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Fortunate Son
145 Dire Straits - Sultans Of Swing
144 Paul McCartney - Jet
143 ZZ Top - Tush
142 AC/DC - Hells Bells
141 Yes - Owner Of A Lonely Heart
140 Fleetwood Mac - Gold Dust Woman
139 Van Morrison - Moondance
138 Led Zeppelin - The Ocean
137 Police - Every Breath You Take
136 John Lennon - Instant Karma
135 Jimi Hendrix Experience - Purple Haze
134 Steve Miller Band - The Joker
133 Ozzy Osbourne - Flying High Again
132 Steppenwolf - Magic Carpet Ride
131 Rolling Stones - Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo (Heartbreaker)
130 Eagles - One Of These Nights
129 Cars - Good Times Roll
128 Blue Oyster Cult - (Don't Fear) The Reaper
127 Bob Seger - Rock And Roll Never Forgets
126 The Beatles - Hey Jude
125 U2 - With Or Without You
124 Chicago - 25 Or 6 To 4
123 Boston - Don't Look Back

122 Doobie Brothers - China Grove
121 Deep Purple - Smoke On The Water
120 Phil Collins - In The Air Tonight
119 The Who - You Better You Bet
118 Doors - Love Her Madly
117 Bruce Springsteen - Cover Me
116 Paul McCartney & Wings - Band On The Run
115 The Animals - House Of The Rising Sun
114 Fleetwood Mac - Don't Stop
113 The Allman Brothers Band - Midnight Rider
112 Led Zeppelin - Kashmir
111 War - Low Rider
110 Police - Synchronicity II
109 Bob Seger - Turn The Page
108 Rolling Stones - Brown Sugar
107 AC/DC - Shoot To Thrill
106 Joe Walsh - Rocky Mountain Way
105 Guess Who - No Time
104 Styx - Renegade
103 Van Halen - Everybody Wants Some!!
102 Ringo Starr - Photograph
101 The Who - Who Are You
100 David Bowie - Space Oddity
99 Night Ranger - Sister Christian
98 The Beatles - Get Back
97 Bob Dylan - Lay Lady Lay
96 Fleetwood Mac - Dreams
95 Led Zeppelin - Ramble On
94 Rush - Tom Sawyer
93 George Harrison - What Is Life
92 Cars - Just What I Needed
91 Black Sabbath - Iron Man
90 Rolling Stones - It's Only Rock 'N' Roll
89 Cream - Crossroads
88 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Free Bird
87 Pink Floyd - Hey You
86 Bruce Springsteen - Dancing In The Dark
85 Aerosmith - Walk This Way
84 U2 - New Year's Day
83 Buffalo Springfield - For What It's Worth
82 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Don't Do Me Like That
81 Judas Priest - You've Got Another Thing Comin'
80 Led Zeppelin - Going To California
79 John Lennon - Watching The Wheels
78 Kansas - Carry On Wayward Son
77 Doors - L.A. Woman
76 Supertramp - The Logical Song
75 Boston - Peace Of Mind
74 Scorpions - Rock You Like A Hurricane
73 Rolling Stones - (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction

72 Eagles - Already Gone
71 Boston - Foreplay/Long Time
70 Ringo Starr - It Don't Come Easy
69 Jethro Tull - Locomotive Breath
68 Fleetwood Mac - The Chain
67 The Who - Love Reign O'er Me
66 Judas Priest - Breaking The Law
65 Creedence Clearwater Revival - Have You Ever Seen The Rain
64 Police - Don't Stand So Close To Me
63 Simon & Garfunkel - Mrs. Robinson
62 The Beatles - Nowhere Man
61 AC/DC - For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)
60 Rolling Stones - Jumpin' Jack Flash
59 Jefferson Airplane - White Rabbit
58 Tom Petty - I Won't Back Down
57 Led Zeppelin - Immigrant Song
56 Crosby, Stills & Nash - Suite: Judy Blue Eyes
55 Black Sabbath - Paranoid
54 Yes - I've Seen All Good People
53 The Beatles - Penny Lane
52 Van Halen - Unchained
51 Pink Floyd - Comfortably Numb
50 Rolling Stones - Honky Tonk Women
49 Led Zeppelin - Rock & Roll
48 Black Sabbath - War Pigs
47 The Beatles - Let It Be
46 ZZ Top - La Grange
45 Queen - We Will Rock You/We Are The Champions
44 Van Morrison - Brown Eyed Girl
43 AC/DC - Highway To Hell
42 The Who - Baba O'Riley
41 Tom Petty - Runnin' Down A Dream
40 George Harrison - My Sweet Lord
39 Led Zeppelin - Whole Lotta Love
38 Ozzy Osbourne - Over The Mountain
37 Fleetwood Mac - Go Your Own Way
36 Aerosmith - Dream On
35 U2 - I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For
34 Dire Straits - Money For Nothing
33 Paul McCartney - Maybe I'm Amazed
32 Eagles - Take It Easy
31 Doors - Touch Me
30 Pink Floyd - Time
29 Ozzy Osbourne - Crazy Train
28 Rolling Stones - You Can't Always Get What You Want
27 Led Zeppelin - Over The Hills And Far Away
26 The Beatles - While My Guitar Gently Weeps
25 The Who - Behind Blue Eyes
24 Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers - Refugee
23 Bruce Springsteen - Born To Run

- 22 John Lennon - Imagine
 - 21 Cream - White Room
 - 20 Rolling Stones - Gimme Shelter
 - 19 The Beatles - Here Comes The Sun
 - 18 AC/DC - Back In Black
 - 17 U2 - Pride (In The Name Of Love)
 - 16 Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody
 - 15 Led Zeppelin - Black Dog
 - 14 Pink Floyd - Another Brick In The Wall, Part 2
 - 13 Lynyrd Skynyrd - Sweet Home Alabama
 - 12 The Doors - Light My Fire
 - 11 Boston - More Than A Feeling
 - 10 Aerosmith - Sweet Emotion
 - 9 Van Halen - Eruption/You Really Got Me
 - 8 Eagles - Hotel California
 - 7 The Who - Won't Get Fooled Again
 - 6 Rolling Stones - Sympathy For The Devil
 - 5 Bob Dylan - Knockin' On Heaven's Door
 - 4 Jimi Hendrix Experience - All Along The Watchtower
 - 3 Derek & The Dominos - Layla
 - 2 The Beatles - A Day In The Life
 - 1 Led Zeppelin - Stairway To Heaven
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10 Little Known Haunted Places in Minnesota (2020-01-15 09:43)

We know that Minnesota has more lakes than hot dishes, but did you know that the Land of 10,000 Lakes is crawling in creepy-crawly paranormal activity? We really shouldn't be surprised. after all, Anoka, Minnesota, is the Halloween capital of the world. C'mon ghouls and goblins — let's explore these little known haunted places!

1. Ness Church — Litchfield



[1]Brett Whaley/Flickr

Located around 75 miles from the Twin Cities, Litchfield's Ness Church might just be a paranormal investigator's dream. Legend has it that the church is haunted by apparitions of Sioux Indians. There are also reports of a young girl named Annie. Other reports say that lights come on by themselves. You'll have to see for yourself when you visit this beautiful historic church. *Address: 24040 580th Ave, Litchfield, MN.*

2. West Hills Orphanage — Owatonna



[2]Michael Hicks/Flickr

Between 1886 and 1945, there were 10,635 "state schoolers" in Minnesota. That is, kids, orphaned, abandoned, or abused and sent to the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children. Many who have visited claim ghostly orphaned children linger. Some have even heard disembodied laughing. Other strange experiences? Books have been known to move of their own, and some witnesses have even smelled phantom cigar smoke! *Address: 540 West Hills Circle, Owatonna, MN.*

3. St. James Hotel — Red Wing



[3]Kevin T. Houle/Flickr

This beautiful hotel overlooking the Mississippi River in the charming town of Red Wing has a ghostly past. One spirit, that of a woman named Clara Lillyblad, has been known to hang around room 310 where she lived until her death. It's not just Clara's ghost that haunts the halls. In 1890, nearly 98 passengers drowned in a shipwreck on nearby Lake Pepin. In the days after the ship went down, the St. James hotel was used as a makeshift morgue. Many believe the ghosts from that shipwreck still reside in the hotel. Address: 406 Main St., Red Wing, MN.

4. Lakeview Cemetery — Buhl



[4]Google Maps

The burials in Lakeview Cemetery began in 1913, about the same time the nearby Shaw Hospital was built. Shaw housed patients sick with tuberculosis and mental illnesses. When these people succumbed to their illness, there was usually no money for a proper burial. They received a simple plot in the field which became Lakeview Cemetery. These men and women were not buried with names marking a grave, just a number on a cast-iron cross. Many have seen apparitions on the property, and one ghost hunter was able to pick up an EVP of two ghosts having a conversation!
Address: Township Rd. 7936, Buhl, MN.



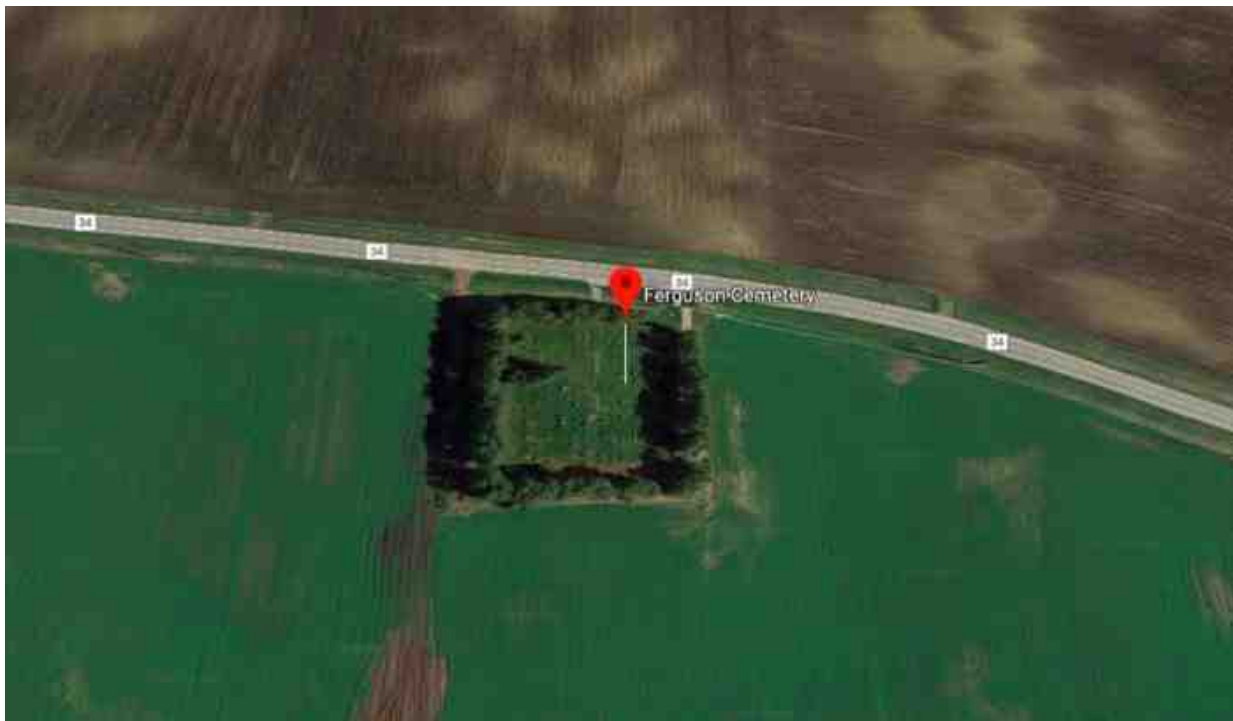
[5]Tony Webster/Flickr

Stories of a creature called the Wendigo have terrorized people for centuries. There are many versions of the story, but a few facts are accepted by all. The creature is said to dwell in the frozen forests in Minnesota and Ontario. It is at least 15 feet tall, with antlers and a skeletal face. Sightings in Roseau, Minnesota, began in the 1800s. The terrifying beast is said to appear to witnesses following the death of someone they love. *Address: Roseau, Minnesota.*



[6]Cyndi and Dave/Flickr

Head up to Hibbing, the birthplace of the Greyhound Bus Line, for the scare of a lifetime! Given its location next to a cemetery, the Greyhound Bus Museum is rumored to be haunted. Staff members have reported bus windows that open and close on their own. Museum goers have reported suspicious shadows that disappear into thin air. Ghost hunters have confirmed that there is paranormal activity residing on the property. *Address: 1201 Greyhound Blvd., Hibbing, MN.*



[7]Google Maps

The tiny town of Norwood Young America is home to more than 3,500 people — and more than a few spirits. The town's Ferguson Cemetery is the final resting place for many who have passed since 1869. One of the cemetery's most famous ghosts is the apparition of a young boy. If you hold still, you may spot him peering around one of the tombstones. Other visitors have reported orbs, ominous feelings, and even the sound of a phantom dog barking. *Address: 18624 County 34, Norwood Young America, MN.*

8. Phelps Mill — Underwood



[8]Tony Webster/Flickr

This mill began its operations in 1889 as a flour mill in the days of hydropower. The building has sat idle since 1931. Upon entering the building, rusty old equipment will surround you. The rotting stairways will serve as dilapidated reminders of the past. The site now acts as a county park. Some say the ghosts of workers are still present on the grounds. One visitor reported feeling a hand on his shoulder, only to turn around and find he was completely by himself! *Address: 29035 County Hwy. 45, Underwood, MN.*



[9]Nicole Steil/Google

This ominous complex, perched on a hill overlooking the freeway in the Duluth area, was built in 1912. The hospital served as a quarantine and treatment center for thousands of patients with tuberculosis. Could it be haunted by the spirits of the disease's victims? See for yourself on a tour of the facility. Schedule yours soon to get in on some good creepy fun. *Address: 2650 Nopeming Rd., Duluth, MN.*



[10]Teemu008/Flickr

One of the longest running hotels this side of the Mississippi, Anderson House Hotel is full of history. Legend has it that one of the hotel's guests jumped out of the window to her death after her husband failed to return from a fishing trip. She is known to leave dimes around the hotel for guests and staff to find. Book your stay at this old hotel to see for yourself whether the rumors are true. *Address: 333 Main St. W, Wabasha, MN.*

11. Calumet Inn — Pipestone



[11]Calumet Inn/TripAdvisor

The historic Calumet Inn is full of interesting stories. The original hotel burned to the ground in 1886, killing a Baptist minister. Tragedy struck again in 1944 when another fire killed a guest. Each time, the hotel was repaired and reopened. But trouble hasn't left this place. Tenants have reported seeing the ghost of a well-dressed gentleman roaming the hall. Is it the minister? Employees claim to hear mysterious piano music. Room 308, in particular, is said to be haunted. Do you dare stay at this haunted hotel? *Address: 104 Main Street West, Pipestone, MN.*

OTHER HAUNTED PLACES:

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2. THE FITZGERALD THEATER, ST. PAUL
3. THE WARDEN'S HOUSE, STILLWATER
4. FOREPAUGH'S RESTAURANT, ST. PAUL
5. GREYHOUND BUS MUSEUM, HIBBING
6. GIBBS FARMHOUSE, ST. PAUL
7. THE PALMER HOUSE HOTEL, SAUK CENTER
8. WABASHA STREET CAVES, ST. PAUL
9. MINNEAPOLIS CITY HALL, MINNEAPOLIS

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Always wanted to renounce American Citizenship (2020-01-16 18:08)

I always wanted to move to Canada and become a Canadian citizen or New Zealand or Australia. Nobody talks on my Youtube, twitter, facebook, instagram, Pinterest, email. Neighbors only wave. Popular people on Facebook like Leninist Bernie Sanders. They get lots of comments. They like Leninism. Canada/Australia doesn't vote for Leninist politicians. Wisconsin already voted for Leninist Bernie Sanders 2016. Wisconsin votes for Maoist communist Tony Evers.

Would love to move to a more moderate country like Canada or Australia or New Zealand.

The Most Haunted Places in Minnesota (2020-01-18 14:17)

Schmidt Brewery

St. Paul

Certain developers and condo hunters won't want to hear this, but the august, architecturally arousing Schmidt Brewery building—erstwhile home to Minnesota's Ur-lager maker, site of [1]affordable artists housing, and next door to Keg and Case Market—is mad haunted. Like, people-died-there-in-horrible-ways haunted.

The Schmidt family's cinematic history—random shootings, gangland kidnappings—has made it a magnet recently for ghost hunters. In fact, Adrian Lee, a London-born historian and founder of the International Paranormal Society, claims it as an inspiration for his book, *Mysterious Minnesota*. The place “still sends a chill down my spine,” he says.

In 1884, Jacob Schmidt, a Bavarian immigrant, settled in St. Paul and began making beer as a joint owner with the North Star Brewery, located at Commercial Street and Hudson Road. Nine years later, he was detained by police—but never charged—for allegedly shooting some random pigeon hunters docked on the river behind the brewery. In the late 1890s, Schmidt Brewery was officially born. A year later, it burned to the ground. At the height of Prohibition, in 1934, the son of the owners, Edward G. Bremer, was kidnapped by the infamous Ma Barker Gang and held for \$200,000.

But intrigue aside, most of the hauntings have to do with ordinary brewery workers dying in horrendous ways. In 1896, two perished in an explosion. In 1902, a cooper plummeted down an unmarked elevator shaft. And in 1904, Matthew Kohler, a guy whose job it was to light gas lamps in the brewery, died from (no kidding) “inhaling flames.”

During a recent investigation, Lee communicated with Kohler in the bowels of the building. It was, he says, “a complete vindication” of ghost hunting and the psychic process. And it creeped him out. Bad.

Palmer House Hotel

Sauk Centre

[2]thepalmerhousehotel.com

Forget being the most haunted site in Minnesota. The Palmer House Hotel, in Sauk Centre, is one of the most haunted sites in America. No joke. Big-city ghost hunters—including, most recently, the crew from the Travel Channel's *Ghost Adventurers*—flock to this antique 1901 hotel with such frequency that owner Kelley Freese has had to gently insist on some Midwestern spook manners: “Here, as in life,” she warns, “Please and Thank you go a long way.” In other words, don't be a jerk to the ghosts. Especially Lucy.

The hotel's most notorious “permanent, unregistered guest,” as Freese calls the ghosts, resides in Room 17. Guests can sit in one of the two high-backed chairs facing the bed, but not both, not at the same time. Why? It forces Lucy to the mattress. And she doesn't like that, says Freese, “because of what her employer made her do there.”

Legend has it that Lucy was a prostitute working at the Sauk Centre House, a grim frontier brothel that occupied the current site of the Palmer. The Sauk Centre House burned down in 1900, and the Palmer was erected in its place the following year. But the new joint couldn't shake the legacy of abused and murdered women. Lucy is said to dislike men. She reacts to male guests by slamming the room door so hard it rattles the artwork on the wall and aggressively dropping the temperature. During a recent investigation, a Chicago ghost-hunting outfit allegedly recorded a temperature of negative-one-degrees Fahrenheit during their stay.

Other active areas include the bar and Room 22, home to a rancorous entity named Raymond—rumored to be Lucy's pimp. “My favorite is when guests complain about how noisy the people above them were,” says Freese. “Then I remind them: you were on the top floor.”

Soap Factory (Closed)

Minneapolis

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If the Palmer House is the most famous haunted site in Minnesota, then the Soap Factory—a cavernous 1883 warehouse on the Minneapolis riverfront, once an experimental art venue—was the fiercest.

It is “one of the most paranormally thick environments I have ever had the displeasure to investigate,” says Lee. And while Lee is loathe to speak in religious terms, he considers the entities there “bordering on demonic.” His four-year investigation of the space has found men getting attacked, a darkness so profound it blotted out infrared imagery, and—perhaps most disturbingly—the smell of sulfur. It seems this is the one place that truly flaps the unflappable. Lee doesn't go in without a couple of pastors.

The Soap Factory was, of course, an old soap factory, pumping out suds during the soap boom of the 1880s. And you know what soap's made from, right? Animal carcasses. Thousands of them. The flow of bloody skins through the factory rivaled the current of the great river next door, and at the turn of the century, the building's appetite for flesh made it a repository for stray dogs that the city paid to be rounded up and strangled. Not gruesome enough for you? Consider, then, that before the warehouse was built, the site was home to a small business that produced artificial limbs for soldiers wounded in the Civil War. That's some creepy stuff.

For many Halloweens brave souls were invited to venture into the Soap Factory's bowels for the gallery's annual Halloween Haunted Basement event. Even braver souls volunteered to play ghouls for the production. But exorcists take note: “There's a spirit that kind of takes over our actors,” says Tom Loftus, a past director. “It can get pretty wild.”

The Haunted Basement [4]moved to Rosedale Center in 2019.

Chase on the Lake

Walker

[5]chaseonthelake.com

You've got your EVPs, your Ghost Boxes, your EMF meters. But sometimes the best gauge of a hotel's spookiness is to simply poll the teenagers working the front desk. "Oh, this place is SO haunted," chirped one young employee. This summer, she said, a coworker was downstairs servicing the resort's retro, two-lane bowling alley, when the nearby jukebox jolted to life. "And it was, like, playing his favorite song." OMG. Other employee tales involve phantom children playing in the hallways, unplugged phones ringing, and the grandfather clock in the lobby spitting its key from its lock.

It's all due to the Leech Lake resort's "meta-narrative of death, violence, and sorrow," claims Lee. While researching *Mysterious Minnesota*, Lee found that not only was the original Chase Hotel used as a temporary morgue for dead soldiers during the 1898 Battle of Sugar Point, but later, on the cusp of the resort's first major renovation, the son of hotel founder Lewis "Bert" Woodruff Chase died of pneumonia, on May 27, 1922. The grand reopening, 11 days later, doubled as a wake.

When the Chase celebrated its 2007 renovation the family's original funeral garb was trotted out for an exhibition in the lobby. And teen employees take note: guests witnessed the frocks sway in an unexplained gush of wind.

First Avenue

Minneapolis

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Yup, it's not just club kids and rockers that haunt this legendary music venue. Ask any employee and they'll confirm that, indeed, just as that '80s Australian dark wave band insisted, the Dead Can Dance.

Dave Schrader, the bald-headed, bad-ass host of 103.5 FM's nightly paranormal show "Darkness Radio," has investigated the venue numerous times, and alleges that the upstairs dance lounge, the Record Room, is one of the most active areas of the site. "Deejays frequently report hearing strange things over their headphones," he says. "Growls, voices, screams. It's pretty off-the-hook-bizarre."

But the greatest First Ave legend has to do with the building's former self: the great Art Deco Greyhound Bus Center that opened on Seventh Street in 1937. The story goes that a young woman went to the station to meet her boyfriend, who was returning home from World War II. When she was informed that he had died in combat, she lurched into the restroom and hanged herself. In recent years, multiple First Ave staffers have reported seeing a ghastly scene in the fifth stall of the women's bathroom: a full-bodied apparition, throat wrenched to the side by a noose. The woman—always in a green army jacket—is sometimes seen dancing at the club, along with other legless ghosts. Cue the "Thriller" video.

Mounds Theatre

St. Paul

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If you're an actor, all the world's a stage, right? So why wouldn't the next world be one, too? For the spirits of the Historic Mounds Theatre, considered the most paranormally active building in St. Paul, it is. The 1922 playhouse enjoys long stretches of emptiness—the jewel-box theater only opens a couple times a week for rehearsals and productions—and is professionally equipped, making it the perfect space for fame-hungry phantoms to privately act out their dreams. Consider it the haunting version of singing in the shower—and the ghosts get just as peeved when they're interrupted.

Jackie Day, who re-opened the theater in 2001, attests to getting physically grabbed by a spirit while working late one night on a poster. Investigators prowling the basement have left with claw marks on their backs. And in the projection

booth—still dominated by a pair of hulking reel-to-reels—a foul-mouthed entity named Red has been known to hurl both obscenities and objects at women. (Actors, man.) But the spooks aren't all jerks; the theatre's most notorious ghost is a young girl in a pink dress, often seen bouncing a ball on the stage.

Father Hennepin

Bluffs Park
Minneapolis

[8]realghosttours.com

St. Anthony Main, along the Mississippi Riverfront, is old. Super old. It's the city's most elderly street, its limestone buildings bellied up against the cobblestone pavers since 1855. "If the spirits aren't there," says Curt Hansen, "where are they?"

Hansen's a guide for the Real Ghost Tours of St. Anthony Main, Minnesota's only year-round ghost tour outfit. On Friday and Saturday nights, he escorts the curious along the "Spirit River," a metaphysical subway line that tour organizers believe carries entities beneath the buildings on Main. But ask him nicely, and he'll give you a bonus spook: an investigation of the shadowy green spaces beneath the Hennepin and Third Avenue bridges. That's where the real action is.

A few years ago, he snapped some photos of the dark tunnel where a tailrace enters the Pillsbury A Mill. The images revealed hundreds of "white bats"—an orgy of spectral beings, bursting from the tunnel in a murder of avian frenzy. Why so much death?

Hansen notes that when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came to Minneapolis, in the 1950s and 1960s, to construct two sets of locks at the lower end of the falls, they destroyed the old Spirit Island—a body of land used as a burial ground by Native Americans. Bad juju.

Then, too: "There have been hundreds of suicides off the Third Avenue bridge. There were four last year. Every time they take a body out of the water, the shore line lights up with EVP"—electronic voice phenomenon—"for two to three weeks."

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Democrats' impeachment of President Trump is the Founding Fathers' "greatest nightmare." (2020-01-20 14:16)

Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz said the Democrats' impeachment of President Trump is the Founding Fathers' "greatest nightmare."

Speaking with ABC's George Stephanopoulos on Sunday, Dershowitz, a Democrat who is on Trump's legal defense team, made clear that the impeachment articles contain no crimes.

"Is it your position that President Trump should not be impeached even if all the evidence and arguments laid out by the House are accepted as fact?" Stephanopoulos asked.

"That's right," Dershowitz replied. "When you have somebody who, for example, is indicted for a crime – let's assume you have a lot of evidence – but the grand jury simply indicts for something that's not a crime, and that's what happened here, you have a lot of evidence, disputed evidence, that could go both ways, but the vote was to impeach on abuse of power, which is not within the constitutional criteria for impeachment, and obstruction of Congress.

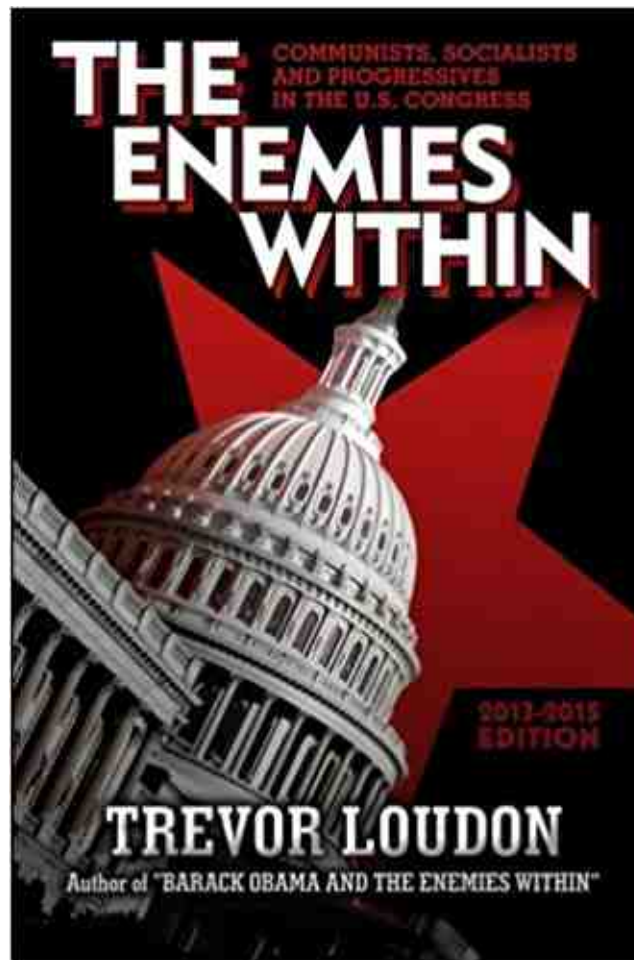
"Those are both the kinds of things that led Hamilton and Madison – talk about nightmare – to regard that as the greatest nightmare, number one, giving Congress too much power to allow the president to serve at the will of Congress," he continued. "And number two, as Hamilton put it, the greatest danger is turning impeachment into a question of who has the most votes in which House, and rather than having a consensus and a broad view of impeachable conduct."

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Alan Dershowitz: "That's right." <https://t.co/lpd9l8H85g> pic.twitter.com/auxhsVu5lG
— ABC News Politics (@ABCPolitics) January 19, 2020

Dershowitz said his role in the case is to "determine what is a constitutionally authorized criteria for impeachment" and despite Stephanopoulos's pressing, refused to give his personal opinion about whether he believed the president acted improperly.

"I'm a liberal Democrat who's been critical of many of the policies of the president. I'm here as a constitutional lawyer, a lawyer who's taught for 50 years constitutional criminal procedure at Harvard, taught a course on impeachment, taught a course on constitutional litigation," he said. "I'm here to lend my expertise on that issue and that issue alone, because that's the primary issue."



The Democratic Party may be shocked to hear this, but we live in a country where citizens say who gets an elected position, not a political party. The 2016 election proved that democratic principles are alive and well when then-candidate Trump beat Hillary Clinton. The left has never been able to accept the defeat. The Democrat-led House of Representatives voted along party lines to impeach President Trump, but over what? Hurt feelings?

We live in a country where our voting voices should be held in high regard. Democracy gives citizens a way to speak out against the government and their actions every two, four, and six years. The Democratic Party does not appreciate the ability to elect whom we want. Instead, they are trying to undo the election still three years later. The Democratic Party is trying to stifle the First Amendment rights of American citizens.

Trump's reelection opportunity is in approximately nine and a half months. Yet, Democrats voted to impeach the president. A sure sign that they think he will win a second term.

James Madison correctly forewarned that impeachment is a potential political tool. He [1]feared the possibility of sharp division amongst the citizenry if impeachment was misused. It was as if Madison knew that the Democratic Party would be what it is today in America.

Our Founding Fathers came from a system that operated actual oppression. Not a social justice warrior crusade over false "injustices" and imagined offenses. They wanted a government that was limited and restrained. The Electoral College voting system was set up in a way that every state had a say so, and it was brilliant. Since the Democrats cannot get what they want, they have weaponized impeachment as a way around the will of Americans.

Please make no mistake about it: Democrats hate our system of voting. They want to ultimately get rid of it and be the ones who choose the president through the popular vote since large liberal cities are primarily Democratic voters.

In the 2016 [2]election, Hillary won the popular vote by 2,868,518 votes but lost the Electoral College votes 304 – 237. The population of New York City is approximately [3]8.54 million, and Los Angeles County is around [4]10.1 million people. These are both Democratic strongholds that will likely never turn Republican and gave Hillary the bump to win the popular vote. As long as these large cities grow, and the left is successful in bringing in illegal immigrants with the goal of amnesty, the Republicans stand losing the presidency for decades, if not longer.

The popular vote, as of right now, is on the Democrat's side. The last time a Republican presidential candidate won the popular was in [5]2004 with George W. Bush's reelection.

Democrats are on a mission to end the will of Republican voters. Their impeachment is a sham, and their new-found love for the Constitution is a lie.

Trump's policies are the left's worst nightmare. The cultural war has shifted back towards the right. Our military is active and powerful again, operating by the philosophy of peace through strength – ask Iran. The economy has picked up steam since Trump removed burdensome regulations. The courts, from district courts to the Supreme Court, have new lifetime originalist constructionist judges on them.

Nancy Pelosi does not want that list to grow. She understands that if Trump gets four more years, then their plan to remake America is severely damaged.

The Democrats are not happy with the choice of regular Americans who elected Trump. They want to cancel our voice and implement leftist ideology more deep-seated into our culture and society.

Democrats are trying to remove our votes from history. They do not like that citizens can speak for themselves. As the left tries to cancel anyone who disagrees with them in pop culture, the Democrats are trying to quiet our loud voices from November 2016.

The Democratic Party needs to know they do not get to choose the president. Just because they are not happy about the outcome, does not mean they can abusively use impeachment to remove our choice for president. The Democratic Party is overreaching, and we must not tolerate it. We have a critical responsibility this November, and that is to turn out in droves and take back the House of Representatives. That is the only way this madness will cease.

The Democratic Party is full of the tyrants our Founding Fathers warned us.

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The Fed Has Pumped \$500 Billion Into the Repo Market. Where Does It End? (2020-01-20 20:17)

In September 2019, the interest rate for the overnight money market — a short-term lending market where banks borrow cash from each other to meet reserve requirements at the end of a business day — surged to 10 percent.

Banks weren't willing to lend out capital for the Federal Reserve's target interest rate of 2 percent. The Fed responded to the cash crunch by financing these so-called repurchasing agreements (repos, for short) directly. It

offered the 2 percent interest on these short-term loans (they're usually paid back in days or weeks) to bring the interest rate down and pump cash into a strapped lending market. It has been offering these overnight loans on a daily basis ever since.

When the Federal Reserve began offering these daily agreements in late September 2019 it was the first time it has intervened in repo markets since the Great Recession. The United States' central bank has funneled roughly \$500 billion into the repo market since then in what was originally pitched as temporary operations that would end on October 10, 2019 — but the daily repo bids are still coming. Currently, there is \$229 billion in outstanding repos on the Fed's balance sheet.

The Fed is even considering lending directly to smaller financial institutions and hedge funds through the repo market — an unprecedented move in the history of the century-old institution.

With the Fed gripping the reins of this obscure but essential sector of the U.S. financial realm for the first time since the 2007–2008 financial crisis, should the average American be anxious about the state of the U.S. financial market?

“Leverage Is Necessary”

“The key question is ... should the average American be worried?” Gang Hu, managing partner at WinShore Capital hedge fund, told Bitcoin Magazine. “If [the Fed] keep[s] going, then they should be worried, but if they didn't do anything, they should worry more. It's just, where do they stop? I don't think anyone knows what the perfect balance sheet size of the Fed is. The Fed is guessing as much as we are.”

To finance these repos, the Federal Reserve buys U.S. treasury bills, mortgage-back securities and other highly liquid securities from the banks for cash. These securities act as collateral for the underlying loan, and the banks buy them back with interest over the course of a few days to weeks — hence, “repurchasing agreement,” or “repo”.

The repo market is necessary for keeping these banks solvent and satisfying their regulated reserve requirements (the amount each bank must keep in accounts at Federal Reserve member branches relative to the size of their balance sheet).

“All the banks are under regulation to control the balance sheet exposure they have,” Hu explained. These balance sheets consist of both cash and debt — any fiduciary obligation involving money. Banks borrow money against their assets (aka leveraging) to make investments and add to their balance sheets and even pay off other debt. So, when they don't have enough cash in the bank, this can cause liquidity crunches and threaten the constitution of the lending market.

“The system cannot operate without leverage,” Hu said. “There's simply not enough USD currency to support the number of assets that are floating around in the system. The financial system intrinsically comes with leverage.”

Hu added that this leverage is essential but can also be dangerous if managed incorrectly

“In a good economy, leverage is the greatest thing ever — you make more money,” he said. “But in the downturn, you induce financial crisis and financial instability. And right now, the financial instability is the biggest concern at this point with the Fed.”

Why Did the Fed Step In?

Ironically, the cash crunch that necessitated the Fed's repo intervention arose from regulations that are meant to keep cash in reserves to prevent a run on banks or other liquidity crises.

Reuters, for instance, reported that bankers and analysts believe that J.P. Morgan, the largest bank in the U.S., may have had liquidity to finance these repos itself if it hadn't withdrawn 57 percent of its cash (\$158 billion from the Federal Reserve throughout 2019) and if new regulations didn't mandate stricter reserve requirements.

Without enough cash in the bank to finance the repos and satisfy these reserve requirements, J.P. Morgan was more reluctant to lend out what it had left. During this time, Hu said, J.P. Morgan had the money, but it couldn't legally lend it out

"There have been a number of supervisory and regulatory issues raised. We're looking carefully at those," Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell said in a December 2019 press conference.

The U.S.'s second-largest bank, Bank of America, also drew in cash from their Fed account in 2019 but at a less drastic 30 percent.

As banks withdrew their cash, the Federal Reserve was shedding its balance sheet. Hu said that a cash-strapped status for J.P. Morgan and friends was certainly "one of the reasons" the Fed stepped into the repo markets, but another reason (which is also related to why the banks were drawing on their Fed accounts) may have been that, as the Fed sold off assets on its balance sheet, there's less cash in the banks and the money market.

"When the base money continues to shrink with the balance sheet, even while the number of assets [like MBS, bonds, etc.] continues to grow, that means there's more leverage in the system," Hu said. "The solution that the Fed came out was to start buying [Treasury bonds], to provide repo to the market. All these actions were aimed to increase the base money in the system."

This cash is necessary to keep leverage afloat, Hu continued.

"If you're levered, you have to be levered every day," he said. "If you have one bad day, you go bankrupt. That's why in September [2019] people were paying 10 percent [interest for repurchasing agreements], because if you don't have money, you go bankrupt."

The Fed May Extend Its Repo Reach

And that's why the Fed stepped in, not just to control short-term money market rates, but to flush the system with cash to balance out debt obligations. These report markets are vital not only for the lifeblood of big institutions, but for smaller ones, as well.

Per Reuters, "Without reliable sources of loans through the repo market, the financial system risks losing a valuable source of liquidity. Hedge funds, for example, use it to finance investments in U.S. Treasury securities and banks turn to it as option for raising suddenly-needed cash for clients."

Hedge funds like Hu's and other small institutions can only participate in the repo market if a bigger institution brokers the transaction, but now the Fed is considering lending directly to smaller institutions like hedge funds.

Hedge funds typically operate on high leverage with the goal of providing steady and significant returns for their investors. If the Fed lends to these offices and other smaller ones like it directly, it would be in a bid to ease leverage in this sector of finance, as well.

"The Fed is not only preserving the reserve [of member banks] but increasing it, but the key is: to what extent?" Hu queried.

"The Fed has been hesitant to go the last step," Hu continued, referring to the fact that it hasn't loosened re-

serve requirements to allow more leverage from the banks. “They decreased the leverage in the system, but they did not allow the banks to have looser regulation ... I think the Fed is reluctant to increase leverage in the system because they understand that leverage goes both ways.”

Where’s the Limit?

And what if it goes the wrong way? That’s the sane question that any American might ask when confronted with the fact that banks have been greased with \$500 billion in Federal liquidity to keep financial markets from stalling. So far, the repo operations have somewhat calmed a roiled repo market, but the Fed keeps on lending with a market intervention originally billed as temporary in September 2019.

The question now is, when is enough enough? Or as Hu put it, “If they overdo it, then we’re going the other way” — economic downturn.

“If you listen to the Fed, the Fed is aware of this,” Hu said, referring to the gravity of adding several hundred billion dollars into these markets. “If this \$500 billion becomes \$1 trillion or \$2 trillion, then the average American should worry. But now, the Fed’s argument is that we’ve gone too far with shrinking the balance, that since September [2019] we’ve had too little in reserves and that this has hurt the system.”

Dennis Lockhart, former head of the Atlanta branch of the Federal Reserve, likened the Fed’s open market operations to a “trial and error” exercise in a CNBC interview. Lockhart also noted that he doesn’t equate these liquidity injections with quantitative easing — the Fed’s practice of purchasing long-term Treasury bonds to print new cash.

Quantitative easing, Hu assented, tries to control long-term interest rates with reliable, long-term liquidity; repo market intervention, conversely, controls interest rates for immediate short-term liquidity.

Still, the final effect is the same — the Fed purchases assets to flush banks with cash. And like the Fed’s quantitative easing during the Great Recession (which led to the inflated balance sheet of over \$4 trillion we have today), the uncharted territory for these repos is that ultimate question: Where do they end?

Hu believes that they will begin winding down and the market will stabilize around April 15, 2020 — federal tax day. But he said that it will be a “challenge to unwind this thing” and that it will be a painstaking process.

“I trust that they will do it slowly, gradually, because you can’t ask the bank to pay you \$100 billion in one day,” Hu said.

With no clear end in sight and billions in liquidity entering a little-known yet crucial market for the U.S. financial system, some Americans might be wondering if and when the dam is going to break. Or how much capital needs to enter the system to keep the leverage from flooding the levee.

“In September [2019], we’ve seen the limit of the system,” Hu said.

Halfway through the first month of the new year, with the Fed still sponsoring repo agreements, we might now be asking, “Does the limit even exist?”

Stop and Frisk literally saved lives in NYC and other U.S. cities (2020-01-23 19:54)

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence (R) on Sunday defended Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump’s call for an expanded use of the controversial stop-and-frisk policing program.

"Stop-and-frisk literally saved lives in New York City when it was implemented, and it's been implemented in cities around the country," Pence said on "Fox News Sunday."

"It's on a sound constitutional footing. This gives law enforcement officers the opportunity, with probable cause, to be able to stop and question individuals that they think may be involved or about to be involved in criminal activity."

Trump last week called for using the stop-and-frisk policy when asked at a town hall about how he would address violence in black communities.

The GOP nominee said policies have to be "proactive" and noted the policy worked "incredibly well" in New York City.

"Now, we had a very good mayor, but New York City was incredible, the way that worked, so I think that could be one step you could do," Trump said.

Pence, the Republican vice presidential nominee, said Sunday that Trump was specifically talking about the "crisis of criminality and murder in Chicago."

"Donald Trump is the kind of leader that's going to say, 'Look, let's take a policy that worked in New York City, that reduced violent crime in New York City, stop-and-frisk, and bring it to Chicago, Ill.,' " Pence said.

"And that's just the kind of leadership he's going to continue."

Trump for years has been an advocate of the controversial policy, which allows police officers to stop and search people if they have a reasonable suspicion that the person committed a crime.

Hollywood will be dead by 2027 (2020-01-27 13:02)

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hen I say Hollywood, I don't mean movies and the art of filmmaking, I mean Hollywood as a place and as a culture. Movies will continue to be made after Hollywood goes bankrupt, but the standards might be a bit different. Instead of big budget remakes and adaptations, filmmaking might become more auteur. There are signs that big Hollywood studios are heading into a black abyss and that the industry will be supplanted by the internet, independent artists and other places. Every year, the death of Hollywood gets so close we can smell the rot. It's so close now that we can safely put a date on it.

With the exception of Disney, the big budget Hollywood industry will probably be on life support by 2020 and near death by 2025, if not sooner. Revolutions in technology and delivery have changed the entire landscape to the point where Hollywood moguls can no longer keep up. The traditional formula for success no longer works. That's becoming more evident with the number of box office flops that have been putting major studios in the red for over a decade. Big blockbusters are under-performing and Hollywood doesn't know how to fix it. Even if they did, the mere act of fixing it would lead to bankruptcy.

This is why the screen will be flashing "Game Over" for Hollywood within the next decade.

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perpetual Debt

One thing that most people don't know about Hollywood is that all of the major studios acquire massive amounts of debt with each movie. Since the 1980s, the industry has operated in similar ways as the US government. Despite making profits on odd occasions when a blockbuster actually performs—or when a small, artistic picture exceeds expectations—studios are always borrowing more money and putting themselves deeper into debt.

Some could argue that Hollywood's growing preference for blockbuster films and adaptations is a direct result of studios needing to earn more to service their massive debts.

Hollywood has leaned more toward adapting novels, comics and video games since the 1990s, largely due to the proven success of such comics, novels and games. Even this formula fails more often than it succeeds. Studios and producers have learned the hard way that success in the comic and video game industries doesn't always translate to success at the box office. The same goes for novels and best-sellers. More often than not, Hollywood studios have spent more than they've earned from adapting popular novels.

Eventually, too many failures lead to bankruptcy. With almost every major studio in the red, the implosion is creeping closer. The trend started with Orion in the 1990s and then MGM back in 2010, followed by production companies like The Weinstein Company (almost bankrupt) and Relativity Media (bankrupt). Unlike studios, production companies come and go and rise and fold faster than dandelions. This is another sign that Hollywood's business model is becoming increasingly unsustainable.

Sometimes failing production companies survive, sometimes they don't. As Hollywood continues to implode, fewer producers will be as lucky as Harvey Weinstein, who was able to [1]get out of a \$450M debt following a restructuring deal in 2010 that including losing over 200 of his titles. It's doubtful that Weinstein would be able to survive if he repeated the same mistakes—which he probably will.

To give you a snapshot of the common struggle in Hollywood, we can look at Viacom, which owns Paramount. Paramount is one of the most successful film studios in Hollywood, which makes its current struggles a good example of what's happening in the whole industry.

The [2]LA Times, 2016:

The Los Angeles film studio posted an adjusted \$136-million operating loss for the January-March quarter. The movie "10 Cloverfield Lane" performed fine, and worldwide theatrical revenue increased 6 % compared to the year earlier period, helped by ticket sales for the Oscar-nominated film "The Big Short," and Will Ferrell's "Daddy's Home," which were released toward the end of last year.

Still, that wasn't enough to mop up the mess. Studio revenue declined 1 % to \$655 million compared to a year earlier.

"Paramount's results were disappointing this quarter," Viacom Chairman and Chief Executive Philippe Dauman said Thursday during an earnings call with Wall Street analysts. The company expects Paramount to post a loss for the full fiscal 2016 year.

*Viacom is looking to sell a chunk of Paramount Pictures, in large part to raise money to **pay down corporate debt**. The company has winnowed the list to a handful of suitors, and Dauman said the company was "on track" to have a deal hammered out by the end of June.*

Almost every major studio in Hollywood is currently struggling with debt, maybe with the exception of Disney. Studios are so swamped in debt, even their successes aren't enough. An increasing number of predicted blockbusters are flopping and the traditional formulas aren't working. With each passing year, profits shrink and debts grow. Combined with the shrinking number of theatre-goers and the rise of piracy, the recipe is one for disaster. To pay off their debts and to become sustainable again, most studios would need years worth of successful blockbusters—or films will need to cost less and earn more, which seems as unlikely as several successive years worth of high grossing blockbusters.

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Fewer People Care

The newer generations aren't feeling the nostalgia of cinema. Millennials don't have the same love for the theatre experience as Generation X. The generation after Millennials will care even less about sitting in a stuffy theatre to listen to people cough and crunch popcorn. Combined with the mounting debts, this will be what kills Hollywood culture. According to [3]Cinemablend, only 10 % of the US population goes to theatres.

Traditionally, expensive blockbusters have made their money by selling contracts to theatres who sell seats for \$8-10. With the transition to digital distribution, films and expensive blockbusters have less potential to earn as much as they have in the past. That's just a fact. The sad part is that we can't change the trajectory. Within the next decade, theatres will be on the verge of extinction.

As of 2015, theatre attendance was at its lowest in two decades, as per [4]The Guardian andHollywood Reporter:

The number of people going to the cinema in North America has fallen to its lowest level in two decades, according to figures published by The Hollywood Reporter.

Around 1.26 billion filmgoers bought tickets to see a movie in 2014, the lowest number since 1995, when the figure was 1.21 billion. The disappointing return offers further evidence that the US, which makes up by far the largest portion of the North American box office, is likely to lose its position as the world's largest film market to China before the end of the decade.

The average cost of a movie ticket was slightly up, from \$8.13 in 2013 to \$8.15 this year. But it is still estimated that overall revenue fell by 5 % since 2013, to around \$10.36bn – the biggest annual drop in nine years.

Before the internet came along, one viewer earned a Hollywood studio at least \$7-8. Today, one non-theatre viewer earns a Hollywood studio an average of \$3. This is mostly due to the vast distribution means of the digital marketplace and the growth of piracy. When theatres go extinct, all viewers will be non-theatre viewers. Because the profit margins have declined so much already, studios and the theatres have had to increase their prices. Contracts and licensing between the theatres and studios has gotten more expensive, ticket prices have risen and concession prices have skyrocketed. This seems contradictory to most free-market theories about supply and demand, but the theatre business operates a bit differently.

Theatres only exist because movies exist. Physical, brick and mortar cinemas rely on the marketing of movie studios and on the interest and hype created by advertising campaigns they have no control over. Theatres are similar to newspaper stands on the street corners of big cities. It's not the vendor who attracts the buyer, it's the headline on the newspaper. The newspaper stand only gets customers because it's nearby and convenient. Theatres work in the same way. People don't usually choose a theatre based on the theatre itself—they choose based on the theatre's location. With the exception of IMAX and 3D features, most theatres all offer the same identical products. Since the 1980s, most small and independent theatres have gone under and the market has been monopolized by a handful of giant conglomerates.

At the end of the day, movies will survive without theatres. But, Hollywood studios won't survive without theatres—not in their current form.

It's because they're saddled with multi-billion dollar debts that most Hollywood studios will collapse with the extinction of theatres. Theatres are still the biggest source of revenue for a majority of big Hollywood studios. When the \$8 viewer no longer exists, the indebted studios will be sucked into an abyss. This is because leasing and licensing contracts between studios and theatres are still more lucrative than contracts with Netflix and various other digital streaming services.

Fewer Millennials care about celebrities either. The next generation might care even less. This is having a big impact on the traditional Hollywood formula, which relies heavily on using expensive celebrities to sell movies. One way

films could become less expensive is by hiring less expensive actors. The only problem with that is that everyone has already stopped caring about theatres.

Since more people care less about theatres, it has been expensive actors and special effects that have been selling the most movie tickets. Hollywood is now stuck in a quagmire. Even their biggest celebrities are earning less at the box office, but movies without them are earning nothing at all and putting them deeper in the red. If Hollywood stopped using expensive actors and special effects tomorrow, their movies would cost far less but also earn them nothing when compared to their current debt burdens.

Hollywood is now in a position where it has to spend more money just to break even.

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nyone Can Do It In Niche Markets

Not only can anyone stream a movie online for next to nothing, more people are now able to make their own movies. The era of big profits might be over for the film industry as it transitions into an art form similar to painting.

Online and digital filmmakers are growing in vast numbers. Most smartphones are equipped with 4k HD cameras and higher quality, professional cameras can be purchased at half the price they were ten years ago. The process of combining visual sequences and audio is easier and more accessible than ever before—and it's only going to become more accessible for everyone.

Back when Quentin Tarantino wanted to become a filmmaker, film was expensive and editing and splicing were a pain in the ass. In 2017, filmmaking is a totally different experience.

This growing reality is undoubtedly pissing Quentin Tarantino off. It's probably pissing off every old generation filmmaker who spent months worth of labour trying to achieve the same things we can achieve now in just a few hours. By 2025, the average person won't need film school or friends in LA to make a movie, they'll just need creativity, drive and a few computer skills. We're already seeing an explosion of high quality, low budget videos on YouTube.

As big studios fold and their money and wealth vanish, demand for big brand licenses might drop as fewer companies are able to bid millions for usage rights. This means that smaller companies looking to make the next *Batman* or *Ninja Turtles* adaptation could do so for much less than what studios have been paying. This could open up a whole new world for artistic renditions of our favourite comic book characters or novels. With less big studio money to go around, there might even be less exclusive licensing, meaning there could be tons of new Batman adaptations at one time.

As more people make more movies for less, Hollywood will start to crumble. As more creative geniuses are given access to everything they need to mesmerize us, Hollywood will fade further into irrelevance. The place itself will empty out and Beverly Hills and the Pacific Palisades will see more foreclosures. The new millionaires will be the innovators and creators who started making smart, in-depth movies for a fraction of the cost Hollywood does now. This will be one of the factors that escorts Hollywood to its inevitable demise.

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hooting Elsewhere

The trend of shooting films outside of Hollywood has been growing since the late 1980s. Filmmaking has become so expensive that studios look to reduce their costs whenever they can while still being able to afford expensive actors, effects and marketing campaigns. One of the ways they do it is by filming in cheaper places. The biggest threat to Hollywood as a place of glitz, glamour and wealth is this.

When it comes to television, Hollywood has taken an even bigger blow. Most television studios are beginning to open studios elsewhere or film on location at places outside of Hollywood. In fact, physical studios themselves are becoming less common, except for sound design and other later additions. The actual act of filming a film or show in a studio is becoming less common. Aside from shows like *House Of Cards*, most Netflix productions are shot on sight and locally. Very few Netflix originals are shot anywhere near Hollywood. Scenes that still require a studio are more often shot at affordable sound stages outside of California and in places that offer special tax credits. The AMC show

The Walking Dead and Netflix's *Ozark* are filmed on location in Georgia, with very few scenes shot at sound stages in Hollywood. The FX series *Fargo* is filmed mostly in Alberta.

Most of the biggest television shows of this decade cost less, appeal to smaller markets and earn enough to sustain themselves and their creators. That brings us to the next point, but also connects to the previous one about niche markets.

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he Golden Age Of Television

Television has come a long way since the 1990s. In the 21st Century, big studios like NBC and CBS and others that lease studio space from the big Hollywood moguls are losing to newer upstarts and innovative companies like HBO, Netflix and AMC. Subscription based providers are outselling the big network studios in a big way and this trend will help seal Hollywood's fate.

AMC has come a long way from airing classic movies. Since it evolved into an original content creator, it has produced some of the most successful, low cost, high quality television shows we've ever seen. AMC has given us instant classics like *Breaking Bad*, *Mad Men* and *The Walking Dead*—all at a fraction of the cost that major networks would have. They've made profits not by appealing to 30 million people, but by appealing to smaller, niche markets.

Not a single actor in *The Walking Dead* is a superstar, yet the show pulls in an average of 13 million viewers—the highest of any AMC program. AMC has mastered the art of appealing to niche markets using the least amount of money. Before *Breaking Bad*, no one knew who Brian Cranston was and, strangely enough, the show never pulled in more than 3 million viewers until its final season.

Niche markets have proven to be money-makers. They require less resources, but are able to maximize profits when done right. While NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox continue to spend hundreds of millions on production and marketing, companies like AMC, Showtime, HBO and Netflix are creating hyped up phenomenons that consistently outshine everything else. To top it off, they're winning Emmys.

The new formula is outperforming the old formula. Making money in television is no longer about appealing to 30 million people.

Due to the difference in cost margins, the standards for success at AMC and HBO are different than the standards for success at NBC and ABC. At NBC, a sitcom or serial drama is cancelled when it fails to consistently reach a minimum of 6 million viewers. At AMC, Showtime and HBO, success can come with as low as 500,000 viewers per episode. Such was the case with Showtime's *Californication*, which averaged around 500-600,000 viewers per episode and lasted seven seasons.

As a comparison, let's take ABC's *How To Get Away With Murder* and AMC's *Better Call Saul*. In its first two seasons, the ABC crime drama averaged 10 million viewers per episode but has started to steadily decline to around 4 million in its third season. This means ABC will probably cancel *How To Get Away With Murder* after this season—or after a fifth season if they feel like being nice to their audience. On the other hand, *Better Call Saul* has barely ever done better than 500,000 viewers per episode and has been renewed for a fourth season starting in 2018. Chances are, AMC's quirky lawyer show will have more seasons than ABC's overrated, boring crime drama.

A part of Hollywood's demise will have to do with the collapse and failure of network television. Since the rise of the internet and other subscription based networks, larger indebted studios with massive operating costs—like NBC and CBS—have been in steady decline. In the 1990s, sitcoms like *Seinfeld* and *Friends* raked in anywhere from 20-30 million viewers, today those numbers are only half that. This is a big problem for the television studios who face the same problems as the biggest film studios. To survive, they need at least 6 million viewers per episode to keep their advertising slots profitable. That's proven in the number of shows that get cancelled when they drop below 6 million viewers.

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he Expiry Date

If you look at the math and the trends, it points to Hollywood not surviving in its current state much longer than 2025. The town itself will start to lose its lustre as more studios liquidate and the industry transforms into something different. Hollywood as a place and a culture might not be anything more than a part of American history by 2050—just like Commodore 64, slavery and clowns.

It's hard for people to imagine a world where Hollywood no longer exists. A lot of us grew up with great movies, award shows and celebrities preening on red carpets. As ratings and box office numbers prove, we're moving away from award shows, celebrities and theatres. Every decade that passes produces more apathy toward everything that is Hollywood. When it finally happens and Hollywood fades away, we'll get used to it.

By 2050, your children and grandchildren will be going to Hollywood to visit museums that showcase a part of America's history. That could be all that remains of America's golden age of cinema after the studios vanish, West Hollywood loses 65 % of its property value and LA becomes just another American city we forget to visit. If LA's current finances are any indication, the city might follow Detroit after its one big industry vanishes.

Only time will tell if Hollywood, as a place and culture, will be able to save itself.

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Senator Ted Cruz's response to Impeachment trial (2020-01-27 21:04)

Then the Senate broke for an early dinner, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) made the rounds, talking to various reporters and journalists. He made the point that the Senate heard "just the beginning" of the corrupt relationship between Ukrainian natural gas company Burisma and Hunter Biden.

"Joe Biden, as vice president of the United States – and we just saw video, I'd encourage every news outlet here to show it – of Joe Biden bragging how he told the president of Ukraine that he was gonna cut off a billion dollars, gonna cut off a billion dollars in foreign aid to Ukraine unless they fired the prosecutor," Cruz told reporters around him. "And in Joe Biden's own words, 'Son of a b**ch, they fired the guy.'"

Another reporter injected, wanting to know what Cruz thought about the latest news in John Bolton's book. According to the Texas Senator, what Bolton's "bombshell" report says doesn't change the merits of the impeachment case.

"The legal issue before this Senate is whether a president has the authority to investigate corruption," he explained.

"The House Managers built their entire case on the proposition that investigating Burisma corruption, that investigating the Bidens for corruption was baseless and a sham. ... That proposition is absurd."

Cruz cited Trump's defense attorney [1]Pam Bondi's presentation about Hunter Biden and Burisma as evidence that proves the Democrats' assertion to be false.

"At a minimum, we've seen two hours of evidence that, at a minimum, it was not only reasonable and justified, but the president, I think, had an obligation to investigate corruption that extended to the highest levels of government," he said.

A reporter said Trump's defense team failed to show any potential crimes Joe or Hunter Biden committed.

"Basically, what they said is Hunter Biden got a job, his dad is vice president. If that's a crime, shouldn't half of your children be in prison?" the reporter asked.

Cruz clapped back at the reporter.

"My children are nine and 11 and I'm sorry you want to throw a nine-year-old in prison, but at this point, my third grader plays basketball and softball at her school," he said, with other legislators behind him laughing. "So stop

playing the nasty Washington game—"

"That's not a nasty Washington game," the reporter replied.

"Attacking a nine-year-old?" Cruz asked, clearly flabbergasted.

The reporter said something inaudible, but Cruz shut him down. Another journalist jumped in to ask a question and the conversation moved on.

The fact that this reporter attempted to spear Cruz's kids, without knowing a single tidbit about them – most importantly their ages – shows how swampy the press can truly be. And it's why the American people trust very few that preside in the Beltway.

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Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers allows No Citizenship Proof Required for Voter ID at DMV? (2020-02-02 15:29)

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Transportation wants everyone to know that getting a free ID for voting is easy.

Maybe too easy.

The DOT page detailing the Wisconsin ID card petition process advises individuals seeking a voter ID card to provide the Division of Motor Vehicles with the usual identifying information — a birth certificate, Social Security card, proof of Wisconsin residency (utility bill, government mail, etc.), and proof of U.S. citizenship.

"If you don't have all or any of these, you can still get an ID for voting," the web page assures.

Really? Even if you don't have proof of U.S. citizenship and Wisconsin residency? The policy language seems to suggest as much, and the confusion has raised some concerns.

But DMV officials insist that non-citizens applying for voter ID will not receive a card, and will not be allowed to vote. Applicants are asked to bring to the DMV office whatever documentation they may have. They are then asked to fill out two forms. Those who are cleared to vote will receive a photo ID document in the mail that they can use in time for voting.

The onus is on DMV investigators to track down the applicant's qualifying voter ID documents. All that legwork is compliments of activist courts that demanded layers of "protections" in Wisconsin's voter ID law. In so doing, they made the DMV the de facto Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Sen. Steve Naas (R-Whitewater) was on the legislative committee that dealt with the court-ordered requirements. The idea was to protect voters — most often elderly voters — who may not have a birth certificate or other key identification.

"In two cases I know, the courthouse where the birth certificate was burned down," said Naas aide Mike Mikalsen.

“What that language (on the DOT website) entails is what the court requires, that it’s not on citizens to hire detectives and investigators to dig up that material ... The staff at the DMV goes through and tries to verify and backtrack that information.”

It can be a very time-consuming process. But is every DMV investigator so dedicated to verifying voter information?

A state government employee with inside information on the process tells Empower Wisconsin that there’s no way to truly test that diligence. While Republican Gov. Scott Walker made voter ID a key part of his tenure in office, his successor, Democrat Gov. Tony Evers has proposed driver’s licenses for illegal immigrants and last year he issued an executive order requiring the DOT to make a plan to increase access to DMV facilities that distribute voter ID cards.

“It’s not the DOT, it’s the courts that mucked this up,” the government insider said. And Evers’ policies could weaken voter integrity protections further.

Moved to Minnesota (2020-02-03 09:26)

Yesterday was my last day in Roberts, Wisconsin. The house was super clean. All was left was a few air mattresses and dishes. I unhooked the router after the closing. I had 1500 contacts on facebook, but 0.1 wanted to meet. Near the end of Wisconsin, it was former employees at Laptop Chips only once at Pizza Hut. I kept asking on snapchat for 6 months for a reunion time. Everything has been posted on Instagram already so it was a quick chat about Laptop Chips. They stopped playing Tidal and Spotify and no talking. So I sent about 50 job applications this year and the only employers who were interested were floor CSR at Target or Fleet Farm. Target wanted a short part time 3 month temporary spot. Indeed says Hudson, wi Target management cycles don’t recognize you after 12 months and they want speed. I had interviews over the phone like a bank in Bayport. I even had a phone interview of a IT job in Bayport. I had many other phone interviews. Was the nepotism just too strong to be able to stay in contact? Was it Jürgen Habermas in our institutions all this time, public spheres, life worlds? Kinda like Jürgen Habermas in the Boy Scouts. Its not like Fast times in Ridgemount High from 1983 where neighbors invite people over to their house or talk on the phone. All of that is inappropriate in 2020. Even stopping at their front door to say hello with apple pie is inappropriate (small town culture of the Andy Griffith Show in 1962). The only way around that was if you were a 1990s Boy Scout selling pop corn or age 7 on Halloween trick and treating.

My dad’s family is living in Minnesota and there is more opportunity, because the economy is bigger. I been to Minnesota 3875 times before like at PC Network services in Stillwater, Circuit City in Woodbury job, and Private School in Roseville/Moundsview for 4 years. I was at Gamestop and Best Buy a lot in my 20s.

Is Trump’s Unorthodoxy Becoming Orthodox? (2020-02-04 20:53)

When candidate Donald Trump campaigned on calling China to account for its trade piracy, observers thought he was either crazy or dangerous.

Conventional Washington wisdom had assumed that an ascendant Beijing was almost preordained to world hegemony. Trump’s tariffs and polarization of China were considered about the worst thing an American president could do.

The accepted bipartisan strategy was to accommodate, not oppose, China’s growing power. The hope was that its

newfound wealth and global influence would liberalize the ruling communist government.

Four years later, only a naif believes that. Instead, there is an emerging consensus that China's cutthroat violations of international norms were long ago overdue for an accounting.

China's re-education camps, its Orwellian internal surveillance, its crackdown on Hong Kong democracy activists and its secrecy about the deadly coronavirus outbreak have all convinced the world that China has now become a dangerous international outlier.

Trump courted moderate Arab nations in forming an anti-Iranian coalition opposed to Iran's terrorist and nuclear agendas. His policies utterly reversed the Obama administration's estrangement from Israel and outreach to Tehran. Last week, Trump nonchalantly offered the Palestinians a take-it-or-leave-it independent state on the West Bank, but without believing that a West Bank settlement was the key to peace in the entire Middle East.

Trump's cancellation of the Iran deal, in particular, was met with international outrage. More global anger followed after the targeted killing of Iranian terrorist leader Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

In short, Trump's Middle East recalibrations won few supporters among the bipartisan establishment.

But recently, Europeans have privately started to agree that more sanctions are needed on Iran, that the world is better off with Soleimani gone, and that the West Bank is not central to regional peace.

Iran has now become a pariah. U.S.-sponsored sanctions have reduced the theocracy to near-bankruptcy. Most nations understand that if Iran kills Americans or openly starts up its nuclear program, the U.S. will inflict disproportional damage on its infrastructure – a warning that at first baffled, then angered and now has humiliated Iran.

In other words, there is now an entirely new Middle East orthodoxy that was unimaginable just three years ago.

Suddenly the pro-Iranian, anti-Western Palestinians have few supporters. Israel and a number of prominent Arab nations are unspoken allies of convenience against Iran. And Iran itself is seemingly weaker than at any other time in the theocracy's history.

Stranger still, instead of demanding that the U.S. leave the region, many Middle Eastern nations privately seem eager for more of a now-reluctant U.S. presence.

For the last 20 years, much of the American orthodoxy had agreed with Europe that the increasingly anti-democratic, pan-continental and borderless European Union was the remedy to all of Europe's past 20th-century catastrophes.

As a result, American presidents did not do much when EU nations typically racked up large trade surpluses with the U.S., often a result of asymmetrical fees, tariffs and fines.

The U.S. largely ignored the increasingly anti-democratic and anti-American tone of the EU.

Nor did Americans object much when lackadaisical European NATO nations habitually welched on their defense-spending commitments.

Apparently, past U.S. administrations supposed that a paternalistic America would always be more eager to defend Europe than Europe would be to defend itself.

But then Trump again blew up more old assumptions.

NATO will now only survive if its members keep their word and meet their spending promises. An economically stagnant, oil-hungry and top-heavy EU will have to make radical changes, or it will sink into irrelevance and eventually break apart.

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Trump got little credit for these revolutionary changes because he is, after all, Trump – a wheeler-dealer, an ostentatious outsider, unpredictable in action and not shy about rude talk.

But his paradoxical and successful policies – the product of conservative, antiwar and pro-worker agendas – are gradually winning supporters and uniting disparate groups.

After all, the U.S. is beefing up its military but using it only sparingly. It hits back hard at enemies but does not hit first.

For Trump, being conventional is dangerous; being unpredictable is far safer.

For all Trump's tough talk, his ace in the hole is American soft power – based on a globally dominant economy, its global lead in the production of gas and oil, and an omnipresent cultural juggernaut.

For Trump the ex-television star, wars translate into bad ratings and worse optics. As a businessman, he believes needless conflicts get in the way of money-making and win-win deals.

The result of the new orthodoxy is that the U.S. has become no better friend to an increasing number of allies and neutrals, and no worse an adversary to a shrinking group of enemies. And yet Trump's paradox is that America's successful new foreign policy is as praised privately as it is caricatured publicly – at least for now

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Rush Limbaugh - The Best Friend I've Never Met (2020-02-06 10:05)

A dear friend of mine once asked me years ago of Rush Limbaugh, “Is

he a better conservative or a better broadcaster?” From time to time over the years, we have returned to that debate whenever we’ve marveled at a particular bit of news Limbaugh’s show has made or a particular monologue that was so good we texted back and forth like teens. “Did you just hear what Rush said?”

The question isn’t meant to be answered. It’s probably why my friend and I love to engage in it so often. It’s our way of returning to a discussion of what makes him so damned good.

The first time I remember Rush’s name registering with me was in 1996. I readily admit this will sound like an odd reference, but it’s an important inflection point for me. You might think it has something to do with Bill Clinton or the “Republican revolution” lead by Newt Gingrich. Nope. It was the Mike Nichols movie.

Gene Hackman portrays Hollywood’s version of a conservative Republican senator whose daughter wants to marry a boy whose parents are openly gay and own a drag club in Florida. In an attempt to court Hackman’s conservative, politically calculating blessing of the marriage – his daughter and the boy’s family embark on a massive scheme to make Hackman believe the gay couple are a traditional, nuclear, man-woman, married family who just happen to live above the drag club.

Nathan Lane, the flamboyantly gay partner to Robin Williams’ character dresses up as a cartoonish version of what they believe someone like Hackman’s conservative character might feel comfortable – the late Barbara Bush. Big pearls, bows, blonde wig and all.

As Hackman’s character becomes more enchanted with Lane’s super-conservative ruse, Lane pretends to empathize over a huge sex-scandal in which Hackman’s political colleague is caught dead in bed with an underage prostitute.

“Of course, we don’t believe a word of it,” Lane says in a faux, indignant tone. “He was obviously framed. And I for one would like an autopsy.” Hackman, relieved to hear his future in-laws don’t judge him for the scandal replies, “That’s just what Rush Limbaugh said.”

Now, I realize that’s supposed to be a joke at Limbaugh and Republican’s expense at that time in history. It was supposed to make the whole conservative movement and Limbaugh appear unhinged. Kooks who live in denial of the reality they’re awful. It was Hollywood doing what Hollywood does, though by today’s standards it was playful

and mild by comparison.

The reason I mention this movie in tribute to Rush is because I was only eighteen years old when I saw it. The only thing I knew as a young man about conservatism was what I learned from Alex P. Keaton. I loved that character specifically because he was so counter-culture to his hippie TV family. Similarly, in the culture of the late 1990's and Bill Clinton – if a Hollywood movie takes a shot at a guy by name for being a “kook” – I wanted to know what made him a target of their ire. That excited me!

He was obviously making an enormous cultural impact. He was obviously a leader in unconventional wisdom and a counterweight to the whims and trends of popular culture of the day. He instantly registered as important to me because of one, silly movie line.

Still, I didn't become a serious student and listener of Rush's until after the tragedy of September 11, 2001. It was at that point in my young broadcasting career I wanted to seek answers about why this awful thing had happened and instinctively I wanted to learn how process and discuss it. Rush became my personal and professional guiding light.

I could write on and on about all the instances and moments he taught and still teaches me about what it means to be a conservative. I'm going to leave the politics of Rush and the education he brings to the nation to people smarter than me.

I'm also going to leave it to my colleagues in broadcasting to discuss his pioneering legacy in our industry and why we're literally all at work, earning livings today to feed our families today because of his trailblazing.

The undeniable truth of Rush Limbaugh for me, the thing he does better than any other broadcaster I know is connect. That has always been the thing his haters understood, even if they couldn't articulate it. He formed a bond and a trust that cannot be broken. It's why he was once called “the most dangerous man in America.”

Rush Limbaugh connects with good cheer, warmth, sincerity, a sense of humor and a sense of the everyman no one else fully possesses or can stylistically equal.

Despite his fame and wealth over a thirty-plus year career, Rush Limbaugh never became cynical, or hateful, or condescending, or mean-spirited. He loves his country and the people who make it work so very much. It leaps from the speakers every day.

Listening to Rush for me is like listening to my dad, or a pastor, or best friend who tells me on days I'm distressed – “It's going to be ok. We'll get through this.”

Even this week as Limbaugh shared his diagnoses of advanced lung cancer, he wasted no time doing that thing he does best. Assuring his audience it would be ok. He spoke of his abiding faith in God. That he would be thinking of us, his audience, every day he couldn't be on the air during treatment.

He assured us he'd do everything he could when he was on the air in the future to make it comfortable and normal for us, even if he's going through a personal hell many of us will never fully understand.

Rush Limbaugh makes me feel like it's going to be ok, even when I might logically know things don't look good. How can someone I've never met make me feel like that?

I think I've finally answered that question my friend and I have long debated about Rush. He simply can't make perfect strangers like me feel a bond as I've described simply because I agree with him politically. It's got to be in the way he say things and in the things he sometimes doesn't say.

It's that old axiom of effective communication. People won't always remember what you say, but they'll always remember the way you made them feel. As he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom this week, tears streamed down my cheeks for a man I didn't know.

Yes, he's an important and significant conservative thought leader. But to me, he's the best broadcaster and communicator our nation will ever know because of the way he makes me.

Congress Takes Right Step to Curb Gun Related Veteran Suicide (2020-02-08 18:11)

Recent news reports showed that veteran suicide rates are still high.

"Firearms were also singled out by researchers" for being used in nearly 70 percent of veteran suicides, while they are used in less than half of non-veteran suicides. The disparity is obvious, but unexplainable. However, a spending bill to research the root causes behind veteran suicides may help us find answers and save lives.

Recently, Congress passed a landmark bill that will allocate \$25 million in research funds to study veteran suicides and other forms of gun violence, lifting an unusual ban that prevented the federal government from researching firearm-related deaths.

It was a major bipartisan effort to get two parties that can't seem to agree on anything to align on mass violence and suicide research focused on our veterans and protecting the general public. The spending bill couldn't have passed without support from key Republican Senators like Johnny Isakson and a bipartisan assembly of lawmakers who were advocates of the bill. It was an uphill, David vs. Goliath struggle against special interest groups that spent big money to prevent the legislation from passing Congress.

For Isakson, this was his final battle, but one that was certainly worth fighting in. Georgia's long-time senator, known for his strong Second Amendment voting record, bipartisanship, and out-of-box solutions, was retiring at the end of 2019 due to health reasons. But health troubles didn't stop him from fighting for the veteran community, which lost 60,000 veterans in a span of a decade—and a majority of those deaths involved firearms.

With reports that veteran suicides were on the rise, Isakson knew Congress had to act quickly, or America would continue to lose veterans at an alarming rate. Isakson said legislation for mass violence and gun related suicide research "aims to get to the root of the problem: what is causing the outbreak of mass violence," adding that, "the way you stop a disease is you diagnose them and find out what causes them." In other words, this funding is vital for garnering data-driven research that will get to the root cause of issues like veteran suicides by firearm.

The latest spending bill helps us find the necessary answers to the questions surrounding the high veteran suicide rate, but the battle still isn't over. The \$25 million that Congress approved is a big victory, but more needs to be done to ensure that long-term research can be done into this troubling epidemic that is harming our veterans. We can't find answers overnight.

Fortunately, many leaders in Congress, including Isakson's own successor, newly sworn-in Senator Kelly Loeffler, can help take the torch and lead the fight on this issue. Loeffler has been a proven champion of veterans, saying that she wants to make "sure that Georgia remains one of the best places to be a veteran in America." And, as a former business titan, she has the negotiation skills to reach bipartisan deals on long-term funding for research.

The first round of research funds that Congress passed last year was significant and a crucial success, so law-

makers should be applauded for achieving a major legislative victory. But we have more work to get done to make up for lost ground

There Are No Good Democrats, Not Anymore (2020-02-10 17:56)

If anything is certain this election season, it's that everything is uncertain. Should the strong economy continue and nothing too crazy happens, it's conceivable that Republicans could hang onto the executive, the Senate, and even regain the House. President Trump will be on the ballot in all those districts Democrats swiped from Republicans, and now they'll also have their own record, or lack thereof (impeachment, anyone?), upon which to run. The Senate will come down to a few key races in Maine, Arizona, Colorado, and North Carolina, but Democrats will have to win them all in order to gain the four seats needed to gain control (three if they win the presidency). And Trump is coming off what even HBO host Bill Maher [1]called "his best week ever" following his Senate impeachment acquittal and widely acclaimed State of the Union address.

None of the three tasks - holding onto the executive and Senate and retaking the House - will be easy, but all are doable. It's also conceivable that Democrats could sweep everything. They [2]have the numbers, and if their turnout exceeds our turnout in the right places they win, pure and simple.

However, the most probable scenario is that, whoever assumes the presidency in 2021, government will remain divided. If Trump does manage to win a second term in office this November, he will likely face at least one legislative branch controlled by Democrats. If that branch is the Senate, good luck getting any judges or appointees confirmed. If it's the House, Trump won't be able to sneeze without Adam Schiff calling for an impeachment inquiry. If it's both, God help him.

But things weren't always this way. Richard Nixon won 301 electoral votes in 1968 and a crushing 520 in 1972, but his party controlled neither the House nor the Senate any of the time he was in office. Notably, Democrats did lose seats after Nixon's 1972 landslide victory, from 247 House members to 243 and from 64 senators to 58. Hardly the stuff of national consensus, even though Democratic nominee George McGovern only managed to win Massachusetts and Washington D.C. Yet, Nixon was able to [3]appoint four arguably conservative Supreme Court justices and a whopping 231 federal judges, 38 more than Franklin Roosevelt, and in half the time to boot.

The GOP didn't sniff control of either legislative branch until Ronald Reagan's 1980 victory propelled them to what became a six-year Senate majority run. Despite his popularity and landslide 1984 reelection (you know, the one where everyone said McGovern would always hold the record for losers until Walter Mondale said, 'Hold my beer'), the House remained firmly in Democratic hands.

Absent historical knowledge and given today's mindset, one might guess that Reagan got some judges and appointees confirmed (he did), yet failed to pass meaningful conservative legislation. One might assume that, but one would be wrong. In fact, Reagan's signature [4]Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 passed overwhelmingly in the Senate (89-11) and skated through the Democratic controlled House 238-195. The act lowered the capital gains tax to 20 percent, weakened the estate tax, cut corporate taxes, and slashed the top marginal tax rate 20 points, from 70 percent to 50 percent. It also helped spur economic growth the likes of which America hadn't experienced in decades. Yes, Reagan's April 1982 [5]meeting with then Democratic House Speaker Tip O'Neill formed the foundation for some compromises conservative didn't like, but it also paved the way for some significant legislative accomplishments such as [6]social security and [7]criminal justice reform. Agree or disagree, Ronald Reagan signed a LOT of bills during his presidency, bills that were passed by a Democratic-controlled House.

It has worked the other way too, of course. Bill Clinton reformed the welfare system with Republican help from a Congress controlled by the GOP. Barack Obama worked with Republicans to make the George W. Bush tax cuts permanent. Both also appointed a total of four Supreme Court justices with bipartisan support and very little significant opposition or obstruction from Republicans.

If your thought process while reading this is along the lines of “My, how things have changed,” you’re getting the message loud and clear. Despite the precious few exceptions of trade and criminal justice reform, can anyone imagine President Trump getting Democratic help on anything considered remotely conservative these days? Of course not. Can anyone imagine the Democratic-led House stopping its endless efforts to concoct something to remove Trump from office and focus on points of agreement and legislative ideas that are bipartisan and passable? Hell would freeze over.

But why? Trump has always expressed a willingness to work with Democrats, so despite his bluster at times it’s hard to imagine he wouldn’t jump at the chance to do something good. In fact, Republicans will all-too-often try to work with Democrats even to the detriment of their own stated principles. No, the more likely alternative is that Democrats in office have changed as their constituencies have moved further and further to the hard left.

Consider the Blue Dog Coalition, that pack of supposedly “conservative” Democratic House members whose charter calls them to advocate for “fiscal responsibility, a strong national defense and bipartisan consensus rather than conflict with Republicans.” There are currently 27 [8]members, enough to give the GOP a majority - that is if any of those members were really interested in keeping America from becoming a quasi-socialist banana Republic. If they were, any could easily follow in the steps of New Jersey’s Jeff Van Drew, but they haven’t, and they likely won’t. Why? Because there are no good Democrats.

Consider the Senate’s supposedly “moderate” Democrats - folks like Arizona’s Kyrsten Sinema, West Virginia’s Joe Manchin, [9]Montana’s Jon Tester, and even the soon-to-be former senator from Alabama, Doug Jones. Sure, maybe some might join the GOP in voting for the occasional judge or Trump appointee when the result is already in the bag, but have any of these purported paragons of bipartisanship ever been the deciding vote on anything of importance? Of course not, because there are no good Democrats. Even on the impeachment of Donald Trump, when one Democratic senator would have meant a bipartisan acquittal and thus unallowable by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer - all voted to convict. Even the ‘reasonable-sounding’ Manchin was eventually corralled by Schumer into betraying his constituents who, albeit naively, allowed him to remain in office.

If Manchin’s betrayal in particular has taught us anything, it’s that in the end, it’s good to know the rules these days. Republicans may range from solid to Mitt Romney squish, but there are no, nada, zero ‘good’ Democrats. The [10]age of the bipartisan Democrat is long gone, and isn’t likely to return. If you live in a state where one is running, you’ve at least got a fighting chance voting for the R. Because the D is a no-win game with ZERO exceptions.

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Here’s Why Heavy Metal Is Good For You (2020-02-10 18:02)

In contrast to the popularly held view that extreme music like heavy metal is responsible for causing feelings of anger, depression or isolation, it may in fact be capable of combating these very sorts of negative emotions, according to a new study published this week.

Researchers from the University of Queensland in Australia have found that when volunteers were exposed to extreme music genres including heavy metal, emo, hardcore, punk, and screamo, they actually experienced a range of positive feelings, such as calmness, happiness or being inspired. (It's worth noting that the participants in the testing were fans of these genres already – if not, your individual results may vary!)

The study, conducted by honours student Leah Sharman and psychologist Genevieve Dingle, took 39 regular listeners of extreme music aged between 18 and 34 years and subjected them to an anger induction, where for a period of 16 minutes they were prompted to recall unhappy personal experiences that made them feel angry or stressed, involving their partners, employment or finances.

After the anger induction, participants were then monitored during a 10-minute window in which they either listened to 10 minutes' worth of extreme music or were required to sit in silence for the same amount of time.

The researchers found that, rather than amplifying the negative emotions of anger or stress, those who listened to 10 minutes of head-banging tunes actually felt the better for it.

According to the research, published this month in [1]*Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*, "The findings indicate that extreme music did not make angry participants angrier; rather, it appeared to match their physiological arousal and result in an increase in positive emotions. Listening to extreme music may represent a healthy way of processing anger for these listeners."

The researchers contend that we've had it the wrong way around when it comes to assumptions about heavy music and the emotional state of the listener. Their findings suggest that people don't listen to hardcore, thrash and punk and become angry as a result; rather, listeners may choose music forms that match their current level of stress or agitation and use the energy and rhythm of the recordings to help process how they feel.

"We found the music regulated sadness and enhanced positive emotions," [2]Sharman said in a press release. "When experiencing anger, extreme music fans liked to listen to music that could match their anger. The music helped them explore the full gamut of emotion they felt, but also left them feeling more active and inspired. Results showed levels of hostility, irritability and stress decreased after music was introduced, and the most significant change reported was the level of inspiration they felt."

What's remarkable about the results is how extreme music, which has a reputation for dwelling in some pretty dark subject matter, can be so uplifting for those who like to listen to it - findings which may have even shocked the researchers.

"It was interesting that half of the chosen songs contained themes of anger or aggression, with the remainder containing themes like – though not limited to – isolation and sadness," [3]Sharman said.

"Yet participants reported they used music to enhance their happiness, immerse themselves in feelings of love and enhance their well-being."

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Luring Children: How Socialism Got Its Groove Back (2020-02-11 12:22)

Luring Children: How Socialism Got Its Groove Back

Bernie Sanders keeps telling young people how he will give them so much free stuff, if only they will go with him, vote for him. Bernie basically stands in front of a windowless van, telling kids to get in, luring them with candy and puppies.

Back in my day, I was taught to be wary of people luring me with promises of Utopia. I was taught that if someone offers something for free, I should tell them, "no, thank you, I can't afford it." But those days are gone. At the start of the new millennium, adults have lost sight of teaching kids the basics.

Today's youngest voters grew up tightly packed in bubble wrap, never exploring on their own, never making mistakes from which they can learn, never getting to understand reality. These young people spent their lives dependent on authority, on guidance. Yet those who were supposed to guide them have failed them. Millennials grew up as a generation expecting handouts but not learning work ethic or personal responsibility, never finding the inner drive to succeed independently. The idea of autonomy and freedom are genuinely frightening concepts for these youths. Socialism simply fits their expectations more comfortably. If you grow up with white-glove care from a nanny, why wouldn't you ask for a nanny-state to continue coddling you through your illusory adulthood? (And illusory it sure is.)

Which brings me back to the old man who wants to show us the puppies in his van. I was taught to stay away from the man because my mother wouldn't be there on the street with me as I played. You see, I didn't grow up in bubble wrap. I was able to go out on my own as a kid, make choices, make mistakes, learn lessons, explore the world. It is easier for me to understand human nature than it is for today's youth. So when old man Bernie asks me to come into his unmarked van to pet a puppy, I turn my back in disgust. I know that there is no such thing as "free," that someone always pays for it. I know that if someone is offering something to me, he wants something in return. I also received a historically-accurate and thorough education about the evils of socialism and the forced division of wealth, and I can navigate through a politician's fairy tales. I adored people like Margaret Thatcher, who passionately hated socialists. My favorite quote from the Iron Lady to nescient socialists of her day is, "Grow up, get a real job for a change and learn something from history and economics!"

It's not as easy for generation bubble-wrap to see past the puppies. They don't admire capitalists like Margaret Thatcher; they admire communists like Che Guevara. Bernie knows this. He capitalizes on this. Free healthcare for all! Legal weed for all! Free college for all! Cancel student debt for all! Free childcare for all! And so on. Young voters did not grow up understanding the consequences of what Bernie proposes or what Che did to his people. They don't ask questions about what happens when the working class isn't motivated to keep working and just shrugs. Millennials don't understand that socialism is a division of wealth, while capitalism is a multiplication. Their inability to compute or to question, something these youths have been conditioned to ignore, has led to the inevitable empty-minded predisposition to craving socialism. Bernie has simply taken advantage of what public education has served him on a silver platter: Marxist youths.

Ineffectual parenting, combined with leftist indoctrination at schools, has created a generation of cockeyed optimists thirsty for deceptive socialism. Bernie stepped up to the plate at the right time.

And so there you have it: luring children is how socialism got its groove back

Long Before Trump, We Were a Divided People (2020-02-11 12:42)

In a way, Donald Trump might be called The Great Uniter.

Bear with me. No Republican president in the lifetime of this writer, not even Ronald Reagan, united the party as did Trump in the week of his acquittal in the Senate and State of the Union address.

According to the Gallup Poll, 94 % of Republicans approve of his handling of his presidency, in his fourth year, despite the worst press any president has ever received and the sustained hostility of our cultural elites.

Only Bush I in the first months of the 1991 Gulf War and Bush II in the first months of the 2003 Iraq War registered support like this.

Only one Republican, Sen. Mitt Romney, and only after having consulted God himself, joined Speaker Nancy Pelosi and voted with Sen. Chuck Schumer's caucus to bring down the president.

When have Republicans ever exhibited the home-team enthusiasm they demonstrated during that State of the Union address and the post-acquittal gathering in the East Room? When have working- and middle-class voters shown such support for a Republican as they do for Trump at his mammoth rallies? Heading for November, this is a party united.

But not only is Trump the great uniter of the GOP. He is the great uniter of Democrats. Every Democrat but three in the House voted to impeach and remove him. Every Democrat in the Senate voted to convict and expel him from office and prevent his ever running again.

In Iowa and New Hampshire, evicting Trump from the Oval Office seemed the one issue that animated every candidate. Getting Trump out of the White House seems far more important to Democrats than getting U.S. troops out of the endless Middle East wars.

But while he has made more than a small contribution to our savage partisanship, is Trump really the cause of the uncivil war in America? Or is his presidency, like Gettysburg, simply the battlefield upon which America's cultural and political war is currently engaged?

Consider. Bernie Sanders' nationalization of health care and abolition of private health insurance for 150 million Americans is grounded in a socialism that has never been reconcilable with Trump's belief in the superiority of the private sector, a belief reflected in Trump's tax cuts for corporations and individuals and his deregulation policies.

Democrats' unanimous support for "reproductive rights" is in eternal conflict with the traditionalist belief in a God-given right to life, as well as with Trump's pledge to nominate justices who will overturn Roe v. Wade.

Still, the battles over the Supreme Court nominations of Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas predated by decades the battle over Brett Kavanaugh.

Immigration may determine the destiny of the West.

Yet, Democrats believe in tearing down Trump's wall, an end to deportations, extending welfare benefits to border-crossers and granting sanctuary from border security agents for criminals here illegally.

That Americans of European descent, 90 % of the nation in 1960, close to 60 % today, will, in 20 years, be less than half of the population, is for Democrats a cause of ceaseless celebration.

America, they contend, will be a far, far better place than we have ever known when a far smaller share of the population is white. The greater the racial, credal, cultural and ethnic diversity, the better the country.

Yet, Americans of European descent, headed for minority status, provide 85-90 % of all Republican votes in presidential elections. What Democrats are cheering portends the demographic death of the GOP.

Republicans are a more nationalist and populist party than they were in the Bush presidencies. But the Democratic Party has become a politically correct institution where Joe Biden is forced to explain stands that he took when he was a moderate Democratic senator from Delaware.

His opposition to the forced busing of children from neighborhood schools into inner-city schools was attacked as

racist. He had to apologize for his friendship with Southern senators like Jim Eastland and his role in the Clarence Thomas hearings. He has been made to confess for voting to authorize the 2003 war on Iraq.

Biden is far to the left of where he used to be as a senator. Apparently, he has not moved far enough.

Even James Carville is castigating his own party's candidates for talking about "reparations or any kind of goofy left-wing thing out there."

"It's like we're losing our damn minds," said Carville.

Is Trump responsible for what Carville himself sees as an irrationality and irresponsibility taking on epidemic proportions inside the Democratic Party?

Or has Trump's success maddened Democrats into manifesting who they are and what they believe, and what may yet prevent them from being taken seriously as a party that can lead the nation?

We were divided long before Trump got here, and we will remain so long after he departs

Trump and the Forgotten American (2020-02-11 12:47)

In his 2016 victory speech, Donald Trump talked about "the forgotten men and women of our country," declaring that they "will be forgotten no longer." Today, after months of impeachment proceedings, accusations of wrongdoing, and a media that has reported overwhelmingly negative stories about him for three years, his polling numbers are at their highest ever.

Why? Because the president kept his promise to remember the forgotten, and he's continued to push ahead with policies to help them and every American.

President Trump's "forgotten men and women" are the farmer, the factory worker, and the middle-class men and women who have been ignored or even sneered at by Washington politicians. They are the people of "flyover country" and "Middle America." They are the people CNN host Don Lemon and his guests recently made fun of when they called Trump supporters rubes and used mock Southern accents to paint them as uneducated, illiterate, and unable to find places like Ukraine on a map.

President Trump's "forgotten" are the average, patriotic hard-working Americans who pay taxes for government programs many of them will never use. Many are religious. Some are gun-owners. A surprising number are Democrats, independents, or political agnostics.

Indeed, black Americans are part of the forgotten, too. For decades, politicians have repeatedly promised urban communities good jobs, good schools, and safe neighborhoods. Instead, they have delivered policies that more often increased crime, degraded educational standards, and made it harder to get work. As the daughter of a former welfare recipient who spent my early years growing up in government housing, I know this more than most.

While some in the media have tried to claim that Mr. Trump's forgotten Americans are just disaffected, angry white voters, the president has always made clear that his policies to create jobs, lower taxes, and open up opportunities would help everyone, including blacks and other minorities.

In fact, the Trump tax cuts and the repeal of piles of job-killing regulations have grown the economy and re-

duced unemployment to levels not seen in nearly 50 years. Moreover, minorities and women are seeing some of the greatest benefit, experiencing some of their lowest unemployment rates ever. On top of all that, America's lowest income earners have seen their wages grow faster (in percentage terms) than any other income group.

The latest jobs report released last week confirms that since President Trump was elected, employment gains have been positive for a record-setting 112 months. Wages and salaries have grown an average of 3.1 percent over the past 12 months, with wages for production and nonsupervisory workers growing even faster at 3.3 percent.

It's not just the increases in jobs and incomes that are having an impact. America's increased energy production has lowered energy prices and the costs to heat our homes and drive our cars, and these savings are being felt the most by those with the least disposable incomes.

We know that these successes are resonating with the forgotten. According to a new Gallup survey, Americans' views of their personal financial situation have been climbing since 2018 and are now at record highs. Nearly six in 10 Americans now say they are better off financially than they were a year ago.

More proof that those once forgotten are seeing positive changes came last week from former Obama advisor and CNN commentator Van Jones following the State of the Union address. Mr. Jones told Democrats that African-Americans were starting to gravitate to the president because he had delivered real results for them. "Warning to Democrats," he said. "What [President Trump] was saying to African-Americans can be effective... We've got to wake up, folks."

The forgotten – black, white, Hispanic, whatever-Americans – are seeing unprecedented successes under a president who said he wouldn't forget them. Imagine the possibilities if those in Washington opposed to the president put aside their personal animus, ceased looking for ways to stop him, and realized that the successes he is achieving are successes for the American people.

Imagine what could be accomplished if Congress and the president started working together. Those once forgotten could flourish even more

Top 500 county songs (2020-02-11 14:01)

- 500 "Bop" - Dan Seals
- 499 "The Sweetest Thing" - Juice Newton
- 498 "What's Forever For" - Michael Martin Murphey
- 497 "I Don't Call Him Daddy" - Doug Supernaw
- 496 "I Let Her Lie" - Daryle Singletary
- 495 "Little Red Rodeo" - Collin Raye
- 494 "If Bubba Can Dance (I Can Too)" - Shenandoah
- 493 "We Danced" - Brad Paisley
- 492 "You and I" - Crystal Gayle & Eddie Rabbitt
- 491 "Austin" - Blake Shelton
- 490 "Pour Me" - Trick Pony
- 489 "Complicated" - Carolyn Dawn Johnson
- 488 "Daddy's Money" - Ricochet
- 487 "Old Enough To Know Better" - Wade Hayes
- 486 "Single White Female" - Chely Wright
- 485 "Little Goodbyes" - SHeDAISY

484 "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am" - Lee Roy Parnell
483 "She'd Give Anything" - Boy Howdy
482 "I'm Not Strong Enough To Say No" - BlackHawk
481 "My Home's In Alabama" - Alabama
480 "Cowboy Take Me Away" - Dixie Chicks
479 "One Way Ticket" - LeAnn Rimes
478 "Pickup Man" - Joe Diffie
477 "Born To Fly" - Sara Evans
476 "Every Which Way But Loose" - Eddie Rabbitt
475 "Love a Little Stronger" - Diamond Rio
474 "Not On Your Love" - Jeff Carson
473 "Little Bitty" - Alan Jackson
472 "Blues Man" - Hank Williams Jr.
471 "What If I Said" - Anita Cochran & Steve Wariner
470 "It's a Love Thing" - Keith Urban
469 "My Strongest Weakness" - Wynonna
468 "Six Pack Summer" - Phil Vassar
467 "Someone Else's Star" - Bryan White
466 "A Little Less Talk" - Toby Keith
465 "My Love" - Little Texas
464 "Prayin' For Daylight" - Rascal Flatts
463 "Smoke Rings in the Dark" - Gary Allan
462 "Carlene" - Phil Vassar
461 "Drive South" - Suzy Bogguss
460 "Who Needs Pictures" - Brad Paisley
459 "Fishing In The Dark" - Nitty Gritty Dirt Band
458 "All Is Fair In Love And War" - Ronnie Milsap
457 "In a Week or Two" - Diamond Rio
456 "You're the Reason God Made Oklahoma" - David Frizzell & Shelly West
455 "Every Once In a While" - BlackHawk
454 "The Heart Won't Lie" - Reba McEntire
453 "Where The Blacktop Ends" - Keith Urban
452 "All The Gold In California" - The Gatlin Brothers
451 "Ordinary Life" - Chad Brock
450 "What Might Have Been" - Little Texas
449 "Nobody Likes Sad Songs" - Ronnie Milsap
448 "Keeper of the Stars" - Tracy Byrd
447 "Mi Vida Loca (My Crazy Life)" - Pam Tillis
446 "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" - Freddie Fender
445 "Meet Me In Montana" - Dan Seals & Marie Osmond
444 "XXXs and OOs (American Girl)" - Trisha Yearwood
443 "Hillbilly Rock" - Marty Stuart
442 "You Had Me From Hello" - Kenny Chesney
441 "Seein' My Father In Me" - Paul Overstreet
440 "You Don't Even Know Who I Am" - Patty Loveless
439 "You Ain't Much Fun" - Toby Keith
438 "Detroit City" - Bobby Bare
437 "Thinkin' Problem" - David Ball
436 "He Thinks He'll Keep Her" - Mary Chapin Carpenter
435 "Hillbilly Shoes" - Montgomery Gentry

434 "Never Again, Again" - Lee Ann Womack
433 "There Ain't Nothin' Wrong With The Radio" - Aaron Tippin
432 "Look Heart, No Hands" - Randy Travis
431 "I Just Wanted You To Know" - Mark Chesnutt
430 "I Wanna Be Loved Like That" - Shenandoah
429 "You Can Dream of Me" - Steve Wariner
428 "I Miss My Friend" - Darryl Worley
427 "(Hey, Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song" - B.J. Thomas
426 "She Couldn't Change Me" - Montgomery Gentry
425 "Too Much Fun" - Daryle Singletary
424 "God Blessed Texas" - Little Texas
423 "Don't Happen Twice" - Kenny Chesney
422 "Whenever You Come Around" - Vince Gill
421 "Breathe" - Faith Hill
420 "Every Light in the House is On" - Trace Adkins
419 "Cross The Brazos At Waco" - Billy Walker
418 "Y'all Come Back Saloon" - Oak Ridge Boys
417 "Wanted" - Alan Jackson
416 "The One" - Gary Allan
415 "No News" - Lonestar
414 "Something Like That" - Tim McGraw
413 "Keep It Between The Lines" - Ricky Van Shelton
412 "Three Chords & The Truth" - Sara Evans
411 "Tall, Tall Trees" - Alan Jackson
410 "One More Last Chance" - Vince Gill
409 "Lost in the 50s Tonight" - Ronnie Milsap
408 "Wild One" - Faith Hill
407 "Something In Red" - Lorrie Morgan
406 "Two More Bottles of Wine" - Emmylou Harris
405 "Passionate Kisses" - Mary Chapin Carpenter
404 "Can't Break It To My Heart" - Tracy Lawrence
403 "You Needed Me" - Anne Murray
402 "Midnight in Montgomery" - Alan Jackson
401 "Livin' In a Moment" - Ty Herndon
400 "Not a Moment Too Soon" - Tim McGraw
399 "Family Tradition" - Hank Williams Jr.
398 "Six Days On The Road" - Dave Dudley
397 "This Kiss" - Faith Hill
396 "You Don't Seem To Miss Me" - Patty Loveless with George Jones
395 "Don't Take The Girl" - Tim McGraw
394 "No Place That Far" - Sara Evans & Vince Gill
393 "Strawberry Wine" - Deana Carter
392 "Busy Man" - Billy Ray Cyrus
391 "I Got Mexico" - Eddy Raven
390 "I Always Get Lucky With You" - George Jones
389 "You Look So Good In Love" - George Strait
388 "Daddy's Hands" - Holly Dunn
387 "Happy Trails" - Dale Evans and Roy Rogers
386 "It Sure Is Monday" - Mark Chesnutt
385 "What About Now" - Lonestar

384 "Sold (The Grundy County Auction Incident)" - John Michael Montgomery
 383 "She's Actin' Single (I'm Drinkin' Doubles)" - Gary Stewart
 382 "Tulsa Time" - Don Williams
 381 "Please Remember Me" - Tim McGraw
 380 "There Stands The Glass" - Webb Pierce
 379 "Do You Remember These" - Statler Brothers
 378 "He Didn't Have To Be" - Brad Paisley
 377 "Ships That Don't Come In" - Joe Diffie
 376 "I'd Love To Lay You Down" - Conway Twitty
 375 "Coward of the County" - Kenny Rogers
 374 "She Keeps The Home Fires Burning" - Ronnie Milsap
 373 "The Grand Tour" - George Jones
 372 "A Bad Goodbye" - Clint Black with Wynonna Judd
 371 "Not That Different" - Collin Raye
 370 "Tennessee Flat Top Box" - Johnny Cash
 369 "It Must Be Love" - Don Williams
 368 "Mississippi Cotton Pickin' Delta Town" - Charley Pride
 367 "Walkaway Joe" - Trisha Yearwood with Don Henley
 366 "Check Yes Or No" - George Strait
 365 "The Dirt Road" - Sawyer Brown
 364 "What Part of No" - Lorrie Morgan
 363 "Pancho & Lefty" - Merle Haggard & Willie Nelson
 362 "Queen of My Double Wide Trailer" - Sammy Kershaw
 361 "Holdin' Heaven" - Tracy Byrd
 360 "You Won't Ever Be Lonely" - Andy Griggs
 359 "I Believe In You" - Don Williams
 358 "I Love a Rainy Night" - Eddie Rabbitt
 357 "Unbelievable" - Diamond Rio
 356 "Ain't Goin' Down 'Til The Sun Comes Up" - Garth Brooks
 355 "Blood Red And Goin' Down" - Tanya Tucker
 354 "Amazed" - Lonestar
 353 "Holes in the Floor of Heaven" - Steve Wariner
 352 "The South's Gonna Do It Again" - Charlie Daniels Band
 351 "When You're Hot You're Hot" - Jerry Reed
 350 "Your Everything" - Keith Urban
 349 "Kentucky Rain" - Elvis Presley
 348 "Wild Horses" - Garth Brooks
 347 "Rednecks, White Socks and Blue Ribbon Beer" - Johnny Russell
 346 "Will The Circle Be Unbroken" - The Carter Family
 345 "When I Said I Do" - Clint Black & Lisa Hartman Black
 344 "Me And You" - Kenny Chesney
 343 "All My Rowdy Friends Have Settled Down" - Hank Williams Jr.
 342 "Come Next Monday" - K.T. Oslin
 341 "It's Just a Matter of Time" - Randy Travis
 340 "It's a Little Too Late" - Tanya Tucker
 339 "Teddy Bear Song" - Barbara Fairchild
 338 "No One Needs To Know" - Shania Twain
 337 "Thank God I'm a Country Boy" - John Denver
 336 "Foolish Pride" - Travis Tritt
 335 "Snowbird" - Anne Murray

334 "Tell Me Why" - Wynonna
333 "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" - Crystal Gayle
332 "She Don't Know She's Beautiful" - Sammy Kershaw
331 "Fancy" - Reba McEntire
330 "The Fireman" - George Strait
329 "If The Devil Danced (In Empty Pockets)" - Joe Diffie
328 "Happiest Girl in the Whole U.S.A." - Donna Fargo
327 "18 Wheels and a Dozen Roses" - Kathy Mattea
326 "Big Iron" - Marty Robbins
325 "Who's Cheatin' Who" - Charly McClain
324 "Coca Cola Cowboy" - Mel Tillis
323 "Seven Year Ache" - Rosanne Cash
322 "Unwound" - George Strait
321 "One More Day" - Diamond Rio
320 "Leavin' Louisiana in the Broad Daylight" - Oak Ridge Boys
319 "Near You" - George Jones & Tammy Wynette
318 "Don't Close Your Eyes" - Keith Whitley
317 "Wide Open Spaces" - Dixie Chicks
316 "It's a Great Day To Be Alive" - Travis Tritt
315 "Older Women" - Ronnie McDowell
314 "The Church on Cumberland Road" - Shenandoah
313 "Some Broken Hearts Never Mend" - Don Williams
312 "Who's Lonely Now" - Highway 101
311 "Small Town Saturday Night" - Hal Ketchum
310 "I Swear" - John Michael Montgomery
309 "I Won't Take Less Than Your Love" - Paul Overstreet & Tanya Tucker
308 "Alibis" - Tracy Lawrence
307 "I Still Believe In You" - Vince Gill
306 "Some Gave All" - Billy Ray Cyrus
305 "The Thunder Rolls" - Garth Brooks
304 "Daddy's Come Around" - Paul Overstreet
303 "Don't Worry About Me, Baby" - Janie Fricke
302 "Lord, I Hope This Day Is Good" - Don Williams
301 "Fist City" - Loretta Lynn
300 "It Matters To Me" - Faith Hill
299 "Everywhere" - Tim McGraw
298 "Anymore" - Travis Tritt
297 "Thinkin' About You" - Trisha Yearwood
296 "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You" - Brooks & Dunn
295 "Georgia on My Mind" - Willie Nelson
294 "Redneck Girl" - Bellamy Brothers
293 "Paper Roses" - Marie Osmond
292 "It's Your Love" - Faith Hill and Tim McGraw
291 "Brother Jukebox" - Mark Chesnutt
290 "Copperhead Road" - Steve Earle
289 "It Was Almost Like a Song" - Ronnie Milsap
288 "Blue" - LeAnn Rimes
287 "Bobbie Sue" - Oak Ridge Boys
286 "Neon Moon" - Brooks & Dunn
285 "My Woman, My Woman, My Wife" - Marty Robbins

284 "Baby's Got Her Blue Jeans On" - Mel McDaniels
283 "Fool Hearted Memory" - George Strait
282 "Love in the First Degree" - Alabama
281 "Room Full of Roses" - Mickey Gilley
280 "Two Dozen Roses" - Shenandoah
279 "On The Verge" - Collin Raye
278 "The Greatest" - Kenny Rogers
277 "Singin' The Blues" - Marty Robbins
276 "American Made" - Oak Ridge Boys
275 "Shut Up And Kiss Me" - Mary Chapin Carpenter
274 "Any Day Now" - Ronnie Milsap
273 "Don't Come Home A 'Drinking (With Lovin' On Your Mind)" - Loretta Lynn
272 "Mountain Music" - Alabama
271 "Any Man Of Mine" - Shania Twain
270 "Galveston" - Glen Campbell
269 "Straight Tequila Night" - John Anderson
268 "Boot Scootin' Boogie" - Brooks & Dunn
267 "Lady" - Kenny Rogers
266 "How Forever Feels" - Kenny Chesney
265 "You're The One" - Oak Ridge Boys
264 "Heaven's Just A Sin Away" - The Kendalls
263 "For My Broken Heart" - Reba McEntire
262 "She Believes in Me" - Kenny Rogers
261 "Wild Angels" - Martina McBride
260 "Daydreams About Night Things" - Ronnie Milsap
259 "40 Hour Work For a Living" - Alabama
258 "No Time To Kill" - Clint Black
257 "She's Got It All" - Kenny Chesney
256 "Take Me As I Am" - Faith Hill
255 "When You Say Nothing At All" - Keith Whitley
254 "What's It To You" - Clay Walker
253 "Swingin'" - John Anderson
252 "Gentle On My Mind" Glen Campbell
251 "Feels So Right" - Alabama
250 "Bye Bye" - Jo Dee Messina
249 "Achy Breaky Heart" - Billy Ray Cyrus
248 "Hard Workin' Man" - Brooks & Dunn
247 "The Wild Side Of Life" - Hank Thompson
246 "Flowers On The Wall" - The Statler Brothers
245 "Too Cold At Home" - Mark Chesnutt
244 "I Like It, I Love It" - Tim McGraw
243 "The Devil Went Down To Georgia" - The Charlie Daniels Band
242 "Night Life" - Willie Nelson
241 "Funny How Time Slips Away" - Willie Nelson
240 "Homecoming" - Tom T. Hall
239 "Joshua" - Dolly Parton
238 "Devil Woman" - Marty Robbins
237 "Every Time Two Fools Collide" - Kenny Rogers & Dottie West
236 "In This Life" - Collin Raye
235 "Independence Day" - Martina McBride

234 "Amanda" - Waylon Jennings
 233 "I Hope You Dance" - Lee Ann Womack
 232 "Rose Colored Glasses" - John Conlee
 231 "Holdin' Her and Lovin' You" - Earl Thomas Conley
 230 "Chain of Love" - Clay Walker
 229 "Tryin' To Love Two Women" - Oak Ridge Boys
 228 "That Silver-Haired Daddy Of Mine" - Gene Autry
 227 "Is There Life Out There" - Reba McEntire
 226 "Wings of a Dove" - Ferlin Husky
 225 "She's in Love With The Boy" - Trisha Yearwood
 224 "Heartbreak Hotel" - Elvis Presley
 223 "Killin' Time" - Clint Black
 222 "How Do You Like Me Now?!" - Toby Keith
 221 "By The Time I Get To Phoenix" - Glen Campbell
 220 "Bluest Eyes in Texas" - Restless Heart
 219 "There's Your Trouble" - Dixie Chicks
 218 "Amos Moses" - Jerry Reed
 217 "Girl's Night Out" - The Judds
 216 "Muleskinner Blues" - Bill Monroe
 215 "Brand New Man" - Brooks & Dunn
 214 "I Wouldn't Have Missed It For The World" - Ronnie Milsap
 213 "Wichita Lineman" - Glen Campbell
 212 "Seminole Wind" - John Anderson
 211 "Statue of a Fool" - Jack Greene
 210 "Lucille" - Kenny Rogers
 209 "Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)" - Alan Jackson
 208 "My Blue Ridge Mountain Boy" - Dolly Parton
 207 "Convoy" - C.W. McCall
 206 "All I Have To Offer You (Is Me)" - Charley Pride
 205 "In The Jailhouse Now" - Webb Pierce
 204 "Still" - Bill Anderson
 203 "It's Only Make Believe" - Conway Twitty
 202 "One Has My Name (The Other Has My Heart)" - Jerry Lee Lewis
 201 "Fire & Smoke" - Earl Thomas Conley
 200 "Here You Come Again" - Dolly Parton
 199 "Close Enough To Perfect" - Alabama
 198 "I'll Still Be Loving You" - Restless Heart
 197 "Whiskey River" - Willie Nelson
 196 "Ghost Riders in the Sky" - Johnny Cash
 195 "Ballad of Forty Dollars" - Tom T. Hall
 194 "The Ballad of Ira Hayes" - Johnny Cash
 193 "My Own Kind of Hat" - Merle Haggard
 192 "No Vacancy" - Merle Travis
 191 "She's Crazy For Leavin'" - Rodney Crowell
 190 "Mama, He's Crazy" - The Judds
 189 "Young Love" - Sonny James
 188 "Driving My Life Away" - Eddie Rabbitt
 187 "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys" - Willie Nelson
 186 "The Pill" - Loretta Lynn
 185 "Boy Named Sue" - Johnny Cash

184 "Blue Yodel No 1. (aka T For Texas)" - Jimmie Rodgers
 183 "The Fightin' Side of Me" - Merle Haggard
 182 "If We Make It Through December" - Merle Haggard
 181 "The Chair" - George Strait
 180 "Blanket on the Ground" - Billie Jo Spears
 179 "Gone Crazy" - Alan Jackson
 178 "Love Me Tender" - Elvis Presley
 177 "Unanswered Prayers" - Garth Brooks
 176 "I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool" - Barbara Mandrell with George Jones
 175 "Rocky Mountain Music" - Eddie Rabbitt
 174 "Elvira" - Oak Ridge Boys
 173 "Go Rest High On That Mountain" - Vince Gill, Patty Loveless & Ricky Skaggs
 172 "Moanin' The Blues" - Hank Williams, Sr.
 171 "The Closer You Get" - Alabama
 170 "Ain't That Lonely Yet" - Dwight Yoakam
 169 "Act Naturally" - Buck Owens
 168 "9 To Five" - Dolly Parton
 167 "Old Flame" - Alabama
 166 "Daddy Sang Bass" - Johnny Cash
 165 "I Wouldn't Want To Live If You Didn't Love Me" - Don Williams
 164 "Dixieland Delight" - Alabama
 163 "A Better Man" - Clint Black
 162 "I'll Go To My Grave Lovin' You" - Statler Brothers
 161 "The Most Beautiful Girl" - Charlie Rich
 160 "Love, Me" - Collin Raye
 159 "She Thinks I Still Care" - George Jones
 158 "Big Bad John" - Jimmy Dean
 157 "High Noon" - Tex Ritter
 156 "Po' Folks" - Bill Anderson
 155 "On the Other Hand" - Randy Travis
 154 "Together Again" - Buck Owens
 153 "Kiss An Angel Good Morning" - Charley Pride
 152 "A White Sport Coat (And a Pink Carnation)" - Marty Robbins
 151 "I'm a Ramblin' Man" - Waylon Jennings
 150 "I'm Sorry" - Brenda Lee
 149 "Folsom Prison Blues" - Johnny Cash
 148 "How Do I Live" - Trisha Yearwood
 147 "Take These Chains From My Heart" - Hank Williams, Sr.
 146 "Lookin' For Love" - Johnny Lee
 145 "You're My Best Friend" - Don Williams
 144 "Love Can Build a Bridge" - The Judds
 143 "I Love The Way You Love Me" - John Michael Montgomery
 142 "Angel Flying Too Close To The Ground" - Willie Nelson
 141 "'Til I Can Make It On My Own" - Tammy Wynette
 140 "Rhinstone Cowboy" - Glen Campbell
 139 "Almost Persuaded" - David Houston
 138 "Long Haired Country Boy" - Charlie Daniels Band
 137 "Easy Lovin'" - Freddie Hart
 136 "Running Bear" - Sonny James
 135 "Blame It On Your Heart" - Patty Loveless

134 "Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc., Etc." - Dwight Yoakam
133 "Carrying Your Love With Me" - George Strait
132 "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" - Flatt & Scruggs
131 "Walk On By" - Leroy Van Dyke
130 "What Ever Happened to Randolph Scott" - Statler Brothers
129 "Ruby (Don't Take Your Love To Town)" - Kenny Rogers
128 "King Of The Road" - Roger Miller
127 "Lonesome On'ry and Mean" - Waylon Jennings
126 "When I Call Your Name" - Vince Gill
125 "Candy Kisses" - George Morgan
124 "Orange Blossom Special" - Johnny Cash
123 "Take This Job and Shove It" - Johnny Paycheck
122 "Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye" - Eddy Arnold
121 "Chattahoochie" - Alan Jackson
120 "Rose Garden (aka I Never Promised You A Rose Garden)" - Lynn Anderson
119 "You Never Even Called Me By My Name" - David Allen Coe
118 "Why Don't Ya Love Me" - Hank Williams, Sr.
117 "Country Bumpkin" - Cal Smith
116 "The River" - Garth Brooks
115 "Blue Suede Shoes" - Carl Perkins
114 "Amarillo By Morning" - George Strait
113 "North To Alaska" - Johnny Horton
112 "Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind" - George Strait
111 "I'm Not Lisa" - Jessi Colter
110 "If You've Got The Money, I've Got The Time" - Lefty Frizzell
109 "The Gambler" - Kenny Rogers
108 "Silver Medals, and Sweet Memories" - Statler Brothers
107 "Are You Sure Hank Done It This Way?" - Waylon Jennings
106 "Lookin' At The World Through a Windshield" - Del Reeves
105 "A Thousand Miles From Nowhere" - Dwight Yoakam
104 "Walkin' After Midnight" - Patsy Cline
103 "Long Gone Lonesome Blues" - Hank Williams, Sr.
102 "Tennessee River" - Alabama
101 "Giddyup Go" - Red Sovine
100 "Wildwood Flower" - The Carter Family
99 "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" - Tammy Wynette
98 "Cool Water" - Bob Nolan & The Sons Of The Pioneers
97 "What a Difference You've Made In My Life" - Ronnie Milsap
96 "Is Anybody Goin' To San Antone" - Charley Pride
95 "Sweet Dreams" - Patsy Cline
94 "Long Black Veil" - Lefty Frizzell
93 "Linda On My Mind" - Conway Twitty
92 "Phantom 309" - Red Sovine
91 "There Goes My Everything" - Jack Greene
90 "Kaw-Liga" - Hank Williams, Sr.
89 "Don't Rock The Jukebox" - Alan Jackson
88 "Cold, Cold Heart" - Hank Williams, Sr.
87 "The Year That Clayton Delaney Died" - Tom T. Hall
86 "I Need You" - Sonny James
85 "Uncle Pen" - Bill Monroe

84 "There's No Getting Over Me" - Ronnie Milsap
83 "Behind Closed Doors" - Charlie Rich
82 "If Tomorrow Never Comes" - Garth Brooks
81 "Friends In Low Places" - Garth Brooks
80 "Silver Wings" - Merle Haggard
79 "You Are My Sunshine" - Jimmie Davis
78 "Sleeping Single in a Double Bed" - Barbara Mandrell
77 "Harper Valley P.T.A." - Jeannie C. Riley
76 "Luckenbach, Texas" - Waylon Jennings
75 "She's Got You" - Patsy Cline
74 "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys" - Willie Nelson & Waylon Jennings
73 "Lead Me On" - Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn
72 "Jolene" - Dolly Parton
71 "I'm Movin' On" - Hank Snow
70 "Love in the Hot Afternoon" - Gene Watson
69 "Waltz Across Texas" - Ernest Tubb
68 "You've Never Been This Far Before" - Conway Twitty
67 "Help Me Make It Through The Night" - Sammi Smith
66 "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)" - Travis Tritt
65 "Crazy Arms" - Ray Price
64 "Sunday Morning Comin' Down" - Johnny Cash
63 "God Bless The USA" - Lee Greenwood
62 "Louisiana Woman, Mississippi Man" - Conway Twitty & Loretta Lynn
61 "Pure Love" - Ronnie Milsap
60 "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain" - Willie Nelson
59 "Rocky Top" - The Osborne Brothers
58 "Okie From Muskogee" - Merle Haggard
57 "I Sang Dixie" - Dwight Yoakam
56 "Good-Hearted Woman" - Waylon Jennings
55 "Bouquet of Roses" - Eddy Arnold
54 "Here In The Real World" - Alan Jackson
53 "Hello Walls" - Faron Young
52 "I Think I'll Just Stay Here and Drink" - Merle Haggard
51 "I Will Always Love You" - Dolly Parton
50 "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" - The Sons Of The Pioneers
49 "Anytime" - Eddy Arnold
48 "Only Daddy That'll Walk The Line" - Waylon Jennings
47 "Dreaming My Dreams With You" - Waylon Jennings
46 "Delta Dawn" - Tanya Tucker
45 "Hello Darlin'" - Conway Twitty
44 "Tight Fittin' Jeans" - Conway Twitty
43 "Chiseled In Stone" - Vern Gosdin
42 "I Can't Help It (If I'm Still In Love With You)" - Hank Williams, Sr.
41 "The Cattle Call" - Eddy Arnold
40 "The Battle of New Orleans" - Johnny Horton
39 "Wabash Cannonball" - Roy Acuff
38 "Suspicious Minds" - Elvis Presley
37 "Hey Good Lookin'" - Hank Williams, Sr.
36 "Smoky Mountain Rain" - Ronnie Milsap
35 "Faded Love" - Bob Wills And His Texas Playboys

- 34 "Forever And Ever, Amen" - Randy Travis
 - 33 "Walking The Floor Over You" - Ernest Tubb
 - 32 "Coat Of Many Colors" - Dolly Parton
 - 31 "Make The World Go Away" - Eddy Arnold
 - 30 "Rainy Day Woman" - Waylon Jennings
 - 29 "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky-Tonk Angels" - Kitty Wells
 - 28 "I Can't Stop Loving You" - Don Gibson
 - 27 "Tennessee Waltz" - Patti Page
 - 26 "The Last Thing On My Mind" - Porter Wagoner & Dolly Parton
 - 25 "White Lightning" - George Jones
 - 24 "For The Good Times" - Ray Price
 - 23 "Ring of Fire" - Johnny Cash
 - 22 "Jambalaya" - Hank Williams Sr.
 - 21 "Stand By Your Man" - Tammy Wynette
 - 20 "Tiger by the Tail" - Buck Owens
 - 19 "Oh, Lonesome Me" - Don Gibson
 - 18 "Always On My Mind" - Willie Nelson
 - 17 "Old Dogs, Children, And Watermelon Wine" - Tom T Hall
 - 16 "Coal Miner's Daughter" - Loretta Lynn
 - 15 "Mama Tried" - Merle Haggard
 - 14 "I Walk The Line" - Johnny Cash
 - 13 "Workin' Man Blues" - Merle Haggard
 - 12 "San Antonio Rose" - Bob Wills And His Texas Playboys
 - 11 "Sixteen Tons" - Tennessee Ernie Ford
 - 10 "The Dance" - Garth Brooks
 - 09 "He'll Have To Go" - Jim Reeves
 - 08 "Lovesick Blues" - Hank Williams, Sr.
 - 07 "Today I Started Loving You Again" - Merle Haggard
 - 06 "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" - Hank Williams, Sr.
 - 05 "El Paso" - Marty Robbins
 - 04 "I Fall To Pieces" - Patsy Cline
 - 03 "Your Cheatin' Heart" - Hank Williams, Sr.
 - 02 "Crazy" - Patsy Cline
 - 01 "He Stopped Loving Her Today" - George Jones
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I kind a like staying at home all day (2020-02-12 09:59)

Holy shit. I kind a like staying at home all day looking at Youtube, playing trance, and playing videogames all day during the Convid-19. Yes, I finished college before the school closers. Yes, I don't go anywhere special. Yes, I was with Jurean Habermas safe spaces in Boy Scouts and ELCA long before you Generation Zs even started. Yes, it already happened and I own the book. I have pictures of everything. Mental illness and Critical Theory documented by my church's publisher? Yes please. Everything before the social distancing started. Yep. Instant massager contacts and address book completed a year ago.

Everybody making money at the expense of getting COVID-19. Haha. Nobody wanted me I guess. It's all on them.

Everyone had my social networks!

I know their using Axel Honneth critical theories for their recognition on Facebook and Instagram and at work. None actually admit it. They all know who Axel Honneth is. They all know what lifeworld is.

Maybe I'll outlive Covid-19?

Millennials don't have money (2020-02-13 20:04)

There's always some type of bickering that goes on between the generations and, these days, it's between Baby Boomers and Millennials. The Baby Boomers claim that Millennials are entitled. Which is pretty funny, because Millennials were raised by Boomers.

On the other hand, Millennials believe that Boomer selfishness helped create a world where it's harder for younger people to get by.

Regardless of who's right in the fight, the truth is that Millennials are on a much shakier financial footing than their parents.

Robert Reich, an admitted Baby Boomer, and former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton Administration, does a great job at explaining the discrepancy [1] in a new video/blogpost entitled "Four Reasons Why Millennials Don't Have Any Money."

"Millennials aren't teenagers anymore," [2] Reich writes. "They're working hard, starting families and trying to build wealth. But as a generation, they're way behind."

They are only half as likely to own a home and more likely to live in poverty than their parents.

Number one: Stagnant wages.

Median wages only grew 0.3 % between 2007 and 2017. Just as many millennials were starting their careers, they were thrown into an economy where paychecks stayed the same while living expenses went sky high — especially the prices of education and healthcare. Juxtapose that with the mid-'80s and mid '90s when wage growth was over three times that rate.

Second: As wages have stagnated, the costs of essentials like housing and education have gone through the roof.

The most common way that Americans have built wealth in previous generations was by owning a home. But the exorbitant cost of real estate across the country has priced Millennials out.

The [3] median home price in 1980 was \$147,000 in today's dollars and then \$178,000 in 2000. As of May 2019, the U.S. median home price is \$315,000

Adjusted for inflation, the average cost of a college education in 2018 is nearly three times that of 1978.

Third: As a result of all of this, debt.

Due to the drastic increase in the price of education, Millennials have an average of \$28,000 in student loan debt. Add to that, the average young adult carries an average of \$5,000 in credit card debt.

Fourth: Millennials are finding it harder than previous generations to save for the future.

That makes total sense given the fact that their expenses are higher and they are saddled with debt. Millennials also aren't saving as much because very few companies offer pension plans like they did for the Baby Boomer generation. Instead, they offer do-it-yourself retirement plans such as 401ks.

"All of this means that fewer Millennials are entering the middle class than previous generations. Most have less than \$1,000 in savings. Many young people today won't be able to retire until 75, if at all," Reich writes.

Reich believes there are steps we can take to improve the financial stability of Millennials and future generations. He says the U.S. can do so by implementing policies such as debt relief, universal healthcare, paid family leave, affordable housing, and a more equitable tax code for renters

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Fear of Bernie Has Pushed Democratic Bosses Over the Edge (2020-02-14 15:38)

Bernie Sanders' victory in New Hampshire has driven the Democratic Party establishment into mass hysterics.

Now they rush to embrace multibillionaire Mike Bloomberg, the former Republican mayor of New York City, to save them from President Donald Trump.

Bloomberg is buying this thing.

They're afraid of young people voting. But if they want a "moderate," they've got Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who came in third in New Hampshire, beating former can't-miss candidates Sen. Elizabeth "Pow Wow Chow" Warren and former Vice President Joe "Dead Man Walking to South Carolina" Biden.

"Lying dog-faced pony soldier!" shouts Joe "Dead Man Walking." "No malarkey!"

This has been too much for him.

Mayor Pete came in second to Sanders. He's calm and says nothing, with elegance. But he might be too calm, bordering on the Manchurian. He never sweats. Don't other Mayor Pete models come from the factory with lifelike pores?

"Hello, America! I'm Amy Klobuchar and I will beat Donald Trump," Klobuchar told a crowd of her cheering supporters in New Hampshire. "My heart is full tonight. ... We have beaten the odds every step of the way."

Yes, Amy, you did.

If Bloomberg really wants to get rid of Trump, Mike should just climb down off that little box of his and give \$300 million or so to Klobuchar.

She's not perfect. And there's that business about Klobuchar eating a salad with a comb. I hope she doesn't like chunky blue cheese dressing.

But politics is all about matchups. She's smart, she's got personality. Against Trump, she could win.

The Democratic establishment isn't listening. It's too busy panicking over Bernie.

The establishment talks about finding "moderates" to combat Bernie's socialism, but get real. There are no "moderates" in the Democratic Party. John Kennedy couldn't get the nomination from today's Democrats. They've all moved far to the left.

And any who haven't, like pro-life Democrats, have been hunted to extinction. They're exceedingly rare, like the white-rumped vulture or the Bornean orangutan.

The real reason establishment Democrats are in hysterics over Sanders is this: If he wins, he won't let them control things.

That terrifies them. But they don't say that.

Instead, they use "Fear of Bernie" and "Fear of Trump" interchangeably, which, sadly, is what people do when in the grip of mass hysteria.

This is what happens when human beings flee from reality – like many did after Trump's 2016 victory over Hillary Clinton – and seek refuge by constructing intricate fantasy mind palaces.

What's extremely dangerous is if you're in a mind palace alone with Adam Schiff. You stare into his bulging eyes and can't help but believe him when he insists that he's got evidence Trump colluded with Russia, and that Trump will be impeached. The eyes grow larger, the stories more fanciful.

But when reality intrudes, as it always does, and you realize Schiff offers nothing but his charm, the mind palaces collapse. And panic ensues.

This collective obsessional behavior, is, according to scientists, "a phenomenon that transmits collective illusions of threats, whether real or imaginary, through a population in society as a result of rumors and fear."

So wrote the author of "Witchcraft and Mass Hysteria in Terms of Current Psychological Theories." Or perhaps it was Robert E. Bartholomew, who in 2001, presaging the Fear of Bernie, wrote "Little Green Men, Meowing Nuns and Head-Hunting Panics: A Study of Mass Psychogenic Illness and Social Delusion."

Whatever. They were both mentioned on Wikipedia in the footnotes. Did you read their books? I didn't.

There are many examples, including that nun in the Middle Ages who began to meow like a cat, and soon all the sisters of the convent were meowing too.

Or the infamous dancing plague of 1518, which bedeviled Strasbourg as "numerous" people began to dance, uncontrollably, without stopping for weeks. Some died of heart attacks.

The last one was just a few years ago, the Evil Clown Panic of 2016. Americans began reporting having seen random clowns and being scared to death.

Something else happened in 2016. What was it again?

In 2020, the Fear of Bernie manifests itself in Media Adulation of Mike.

To puff up Bloomberg, Democratic establishment scribes sing his praises, including Thomas Friedman of The New York Times.

In "Paging Michael Bloomberg," a gushing column full of childlike yearning for a political savior, Friedman searches for the right candidate to defeat Trump and save us.

"And this candidate knows how to get stuff done – he can fight this fire at the scale of the fire. His team has for years used social networks to promote progressive issues to centrist and conservative audiences. He won't cede the internet/Facebook/Twitter battlefield to Trump's team, who are killers in that space.

"And this candidate is now rising steadily in the polls. This candidate is Michael Bloomberg. This candidate has Trump very worried."

Bloomberg must have loved it. But at the end of the pro-Bloomberg column of gushing praise, there was this from Friedman:

(Disclosure: Bloomberg Philanthropies has donated to Planet Word, the museum my wife is building in Washington, to promote reading and literacy.)

Shouldn't that have been the headline, before the Bloomberg gushing commenced?

If I did that in the Chicago Tribune and gushed over a politician who gave money to my wife, I'd be fired.

They're so irrational. It's that fear, the Fear of Bernie, that compels them, for the Love of Mike

Top 100 Greatest 1990s songs (2020-02-14 18:20)

1. Smells Like Teen Spirit - Nirvana
2. Losing My Religion - R.E.M.
3. One - U2
4. Nuthin' But a "G" Thang - Dr. Dre
5. Under the Bridge - Red Hot Chili Peppers
6. Jeremy - Pearl Jam
7. Waterfalls - TLC
8. Loser - Beck
9. Gangsta's Paradise - Coolio
10. Wonderwall - Oasis
11. Creep - Radiohead
12. California Love - 2Pac
13. Enter Sandman - Metallica
14. Bittersweet Symphony - The Verve
15. Nothing Compares 2 U - Sinéad O'Connor
16. Doo Wop (That Thing) - Lauryn Hill
17. Tears In Heaven - Eric Clapton
18. Killing Me Softly - The Fugees
19. Come As You Are - Nirvana
20. You Oughta Know - Alanis Morissette
21. Song 2 - Blur
22. 1979 - Smashing Pumpkins
23. Paranoid Android - Radiohead
24. My Name Is - Eminem
25. Alive - Pearl Jam
26. Enjoy the Silence - Depeche Mode
27. Jump Around - House of Pain
28. Don't Speak - No Doubt
29. No Diggity - BLACKstreet
30. Black Hole Sun - Soundgarden

31. Sabotage - Beastie Boys
32. Killing In the Name - Rage Against The Machine
33. Iris - Goo Goo Dolls
34. November Rain - Guns N' Roses
35. It Was a Good Day - Ice Cube
36. Smooth - Santana and Rob Thomas
37. Black or White - Michael Jackson
38. (Everything I Do) I Do It for You - Bryan Adams
39. U Can't Touch This - MC Hammer
40. Vogue - Madonna
41. Regulate - Warren G
42. Zombie - The Cranberries
43. Baby Got Back - Sir Mix-a-Lot
44. Everlong - Foo Fighters
45. Juicy - Notorious B.I.G.
46. Basket Case - Green Day
47. Nothing Else Matters - Metallica
48. Say My Name - Destiny's Child
49. Heart-Shaped Box - Nirvana
50. Everybody Hurts - R.E.M.
51. Baby One More Time - Britney Spears
52. All the Small Things - Blink 182
53. Hypnotize - Notorious B.I.G.
54. Friday I'm in Love - The Cure
55. Dear Mama - 2Pac
56. Buddy Holly - Weezer
57. Gin & Juice - Snoop Doggy Dogg
58. I Believe I Can Fly - R. Kelly
59. Dreamlover - Mariah Carey
60. Scar Tissue - Red Hot Chili Peppers
61. Closer - Nine Inch Nails
62. Mr. Jones - Counting Crows
63. Firestarter - Prodigy
64. Hard Knock Life - Jay Z
65. Karma Police - Radiohead
66. Good Riddance (Time of Your Life) - Green Day
67. I Don't Want to Miss a Thing - Aerosmith
68. Torn - Natalie Imbruglia
69. Groove Is in the Heart - Deee-Lite
70. I'll Be Missing You - Puff Daddy
71. What I Got - Sublime
72. Tha Crossroads - Bone Thugs 'n' Harmony
73. Ironie - Alanis Morissette
74. C.R.E.A.M. - Wu Tang Clan
75. No Scrubs - TLC
76. All I Wanna Do - Sheryl Crow
77. O.P.P. - Naughty by Nature
78. Intergalactic - Beastie Boys
79. Man In the Box - Alice In Chains
80. Vision of Love - Mariah Carey

81. Give It Away - Red Hot Chili Peppers
82. Today - Smashing Pumpkins
83. Creep - TLC
84. Mama Said Knock You Out - LL Cool J
85. Self Esteem - The Offspring
86. Insane in the Brain - Cypress Hill
87. Unfinished Sympathy - Massive Attack
88. Black - Pearl Jam
89. Big Poppa - The Notorious B.I.G.
90. When I Come Around - Green Day
91. The Boy Is Mine - Brandy and Monica
92. Freak on a Leash - Korn
93. Bullet with Butterfly Wings - Smashing Pumpkins
94. Kiss from a Rose - Seal
95. Are You Gonna Go My Way - Lenny Kravitz
96. That's the Way Love Goes - Janet Jackson
97. Lovefool - Cardigans
98. No Rain - Blind Melon
99. Rooster - Alice In Chains
100. Ray of Light - Madonna

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101. Two Princes - Spin Doctors
 102. My Lovin' - En Vogue
 103. Missing - Everything but the Girl
 104. Lithium - Nirvana
 105. Crash into Me - Dave Matthews Band
 106. Live Forever - Oasis
 107. Mo Money Mo Problems - The Notorious B.I.G.
 108. Plush - Stone Temple Pilots
 109. Linger - The Cranberries
 110. Where It's At - Beck
 111. Gonna Make You Sweat - C & C Music Factory
 112. Streets of Philadelphia - Bruce Springsteen
 113. Longview - Green Day
 114. Angels - Robbie Williams
 115. Woo-Hah!! Got You All in Check - Busta Rhymes
 116. Cryin' - Aerosmith
 117. I Try - Macy Gray
 118. Bulls on Parade - Rage Against The Machine
 119. Un-Break My Heart - Toni Braxton
 120. Been Caught Stealing - Jane's Addiction
 121. Around the World - Daft Punk
 122. Real Love - Mary J. Blige
 123. Semi-Charmed Life - Third Eye Blind
 124. Lightning Crashes - Live
 125. I'll Make Love to You - Boyz II Men
 126. Thunderstruck - AC/DC
 127. Still D.R.E. - Dr. Dre
 128. Interstate Love Song - Stone Temple Pilots

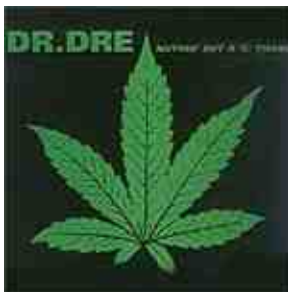
129. Tennessee - Arrested Development
130. Mysterious Ways - U2
131. All Apologies - Nirvana
132. Believe - Cher
133. Drive - Incubus
134. Ready or Not - The Fugees
135. Disarm - Smashing Pumpkins
136. Say It Ain't So - Weezer
137. Always - Bon Jovi
138. What Is Love - Haddaway
139. Fly Away - Lenny Kravitz
140. Protect Ya Neck - Wu-Tang Clan
141. One Headlight - The Wallflowers
142. Runaway Train - Soul Asylum
143. Tubthumping - Chumbawamba
144. Forgot About Dre - Dr. Dre featuring Eminem
145. On and On - Erykah Badu
146. Keep Ya Head Up - 2Pac
147. Set Adrift on Memory Bliss - PM Dawn
148. Candle in the Wind 1997 - Elton John
149. Don't Cry - Guns n' Roses
150. Something to Talk About - Bonnie Raitt
151. Even Flow - Pearl Jam
152. Californication - Red Hot Chili Peppers
153. Sour Times - Portishead
154. Hallelujah - Jeff Buckley
155. Girls and Boys - Blur
156. Man on the Moon - R.E.M.
157. N. Y. State of Mind - Nas
158. Jump - Kris Kross
159. More Than Words - Extreme
160. Hard to Handle - Black Crowes
161. All Star - Smash Mouth
162. Fake Plastic Trees - Radiohead
163. All My Life - K-Ci & JoJo
164. One Week - Barenaked Ladies
165. Wannabe - The Spice Girls
166. Champagne Supernova - Oasis
167. Push - Matchbox Twenty
168. Come Out and Play - The Offspring
169. One of Us - Joan Osborne
170. Changes - 2Pac
171. Better Man - Pearl Jam
172. Music Sounds Better with You - Stardust
173. Gettin' Jiggy Wit It - Will Smith
174. Unbelievable - EMF
175. Fantasy - Mariah Carey
176. Would? - Alice in Chains
177. Spoonman - Soundgarden
178. The Rockafeller Skank - Fatboy Slim

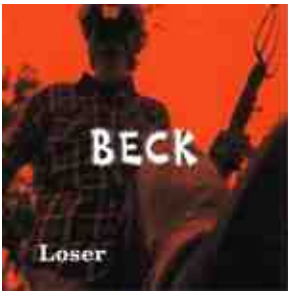
179. Poison - Bell Biv DeVoe
180. Closing Time - Semisonic
181. Block Rockin' Beats - Chemical Brothers
182. You Make Me Wanna... - Usher
183. Higher - Creed
184. What's Up - 4 Non Blondes
185. Name - Goo Goo Dolls
186. Mind Playing Tricks on Me - Geto Boys
187. Truly Madly Deeply - Savage Garden
188. End of the Road - Boyz II Men
189. You Get What You Give - New Radicals
190. Crazy - Seal
191. Common People - Pulp
192. Award Tour - A Tribe Called Quest
193. Stupid Girl - Garbage
194. In Bloom - Nirvana
195. What's My Age Again - Blink 182
196. Rosa Parks - Outkast
197. Just a Girl - No Doubt
198. Bawitdaba - Kid Rock
199. Silent Lucidity - Queensrÿche
200. Whatta Man - Salt 'n' Pepa with En Vogue

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201. Born Slippy (NUXX) - Underworld
 202. Porcelain - Moby
 203. Hero - Mariah Carey
 204. Daughter - Pearl Jam
 205. Are You That Somebody - Aaliyah
 206. Sex and Candy - Marcy Playground
 207. The Distance - Cake
 208. Walkin' on the Sun - Smash Mouth
 209. Justify My Love - Madonna
 210. The World Is Yours - Nas
 211. Fell on Black Days - Soundgarden
 212. 3 AM - Matchbox 20
 213. Sober - Tool
 214. Change the World - Eric Clapton and Babyface
 215. Whoomp! (There It Is) - Tag Team
 216. Shine - Collective Soul
 217. I'll Be There for You/You're All I Need to Get By - Method Man
 218. Cemetery Gates - Pantera
 219. Hunger Strike - Temple of the Dog
 220. Bump 'n' Grind - R. Kelly
 221. Stay (I Missed You) - Lisa Loeb
 222. What's the Frequency, Kenneth - R.E.M.
 223. Cream - Prince
 224. Glycerine - Bush
 225. I Alone - Live
 226. Together Again - Janet Jackson

- 227. Breakfast at Tiffany's - Deep Blue Something
- 228. Never Ever - All Saints
- 229. Hey Jealousy - Gin Blossoms
- 230. Gone Till November - Wyclef Jean
- 231. What Would You Say - Dave Matthews Band
- 232. Flava in Ya Ear - Craig Mack
- 233. The Way - Fastball
- 234. You're Makin' Me High - Toni Braxton
- 235. Mary Jane's Last Dance - Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers
- 236. Only Wanna Be With You - Hootie & the Blowfish
- 237. Santeria - Sublime
- 238. I Wanna Sex You Up - Color Me Badd
- 239. Run Around - Blues Traveler
- 240. Loaded - Primal Scream
- 241. Santa Monica - Everclear
- 242. Celebrity Skin - Hole
- 243. Cannonball - The Breeders
- 244. Give Me One Reason - Tracy Chapman
- 245. I'd Do Anything for Love - Meat Loaf
- 246. One Sweet Day - Mariah Carey & Boyz II Men
- 247. Can't Truss It - Public Enemy
- 248. A Design for Life - Manic Street Preachers
- 249. Right Here Right Now - Jesus Jones
- 250. Fly - Sugar Ray









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Top 100 best 1980s songs (2020-02-14 18:24)

1. Billie Jean - Michael Jackson
2. Every Breath You Take - The Police
3. When Doves Cry - Prince
4. Sexual Healing - Marvin Gaye
5. I Love Rock 'N' Roll - Joan Jett & The Blackhearts
6. Don't You Want Me? - The Human League
7. Tainted Love - Soft Cell
8. Like a Virgin - Madonna
9. The Message - Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five
10. Beat It - Michael Jackson
11. Sweet Dreams - Eurythmics
12. Sweet Child O' Mine - Guns N' Roses
13. Call Me - Blondie
14. Celebration - Kool & The Gang
15. Super Freak Part I - Rick James

16. Another One Bites the Dust - Queen
17. You Shook Me All Night Long - AC/DC
18. Walk This Way - Run-D.M.C.
19. Whip It - Devo
20. Girls Just Want To Have Fun - Cyndi Lauper
21. Planet Rock - Afrika Bambaataa & The Soul Sonic Force
22. What's Love Got To Do With It? - Tina Turner
23. Born In the U.S.A. - Bruce Springsteen
24. With Or Without You - U2
25. Purple Rain - Prince
26. Physical - Olivia Newton-John
27. Don't Stop Believin' - Journey
28. Money For Nothing - Dire Straits
29. (You Gotta) Fight For Your Right (To Party) - Beastie Boys
30. Into the Groove - Madonna
31. Jump - Van Halen
32. Love Will Tear Us Apart - Joy Division
33. I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For - U2
34. Fast Car - Tracy Chapman
35. Pour Some Sugar On Me - Def Leppard
36. Flashdance...What a Feeling - Irene Cara
37. All Night Long (All Night) - Lionel Richie
38. Blue Monday - New Order
39. Relax - Frankie Goes To Hollywood
40. Addicted To Love - Robert Palmer
41. Kiss - Prince
42. Livin On a Prayer - Bon Jovi
43. Rapture - Blondie
44. 1999 - Prince
45. Rock the Casbah - The Clash
46. Hungry Like the Wolf - Duran Duran
47. In the Air Tonight - Phil Collins
48. Careless Whisper - Wham! feat. George Michael
49. Take On Me - A-Ha
50. Start Me Up - Rolling Stones
51. Our Lips Are Sealed - Go-Go's
52. It Takes Two - Rob Base & DJ E-Z Rock
53. Word Up! - Cameo
54. Come On Eileen - Dexys Midnight Runners
55. Do You Really Want To Hurt Me? - Culture Club
56. Jessie's Girl - Rick Springfield
57. The Boys of Summer - Don Henley
58. Let's Go Crazy - Prince
59. Summer of '69 - Bryan Adams
60. Like a Prayer - Madonna
61. How Will I Know? - Whitney Houston
62. Back In Black - AC/DC
63. Time After Time - Cyndi Lauper
64. I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me) - Whitney Houston
65. Push It - Salt-N-Pepa

66. Bad - Michael Jackson
67. Welcome To the Jungle - Guns N' Roses
68. My Prerogative - Bobby Brown
69. Fight the Power - Public Enemy
70. Free Fallin' - Tom Petty
71. Nasty - Janet Jackson
72. Faith - George Michael
73. It's the End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine) - R.E.M.
74. Back To Life - Soul II Soul
75. Love Shack - B-52's
76. Pump Up the Jam - Technotronic feat. Felly
77. The Breaks - Kurtis Blow
78. One - Metallica
79. Walk Like An Egyptian - Bangles
80. Personal Jesus - Depeche Mode
81. Bust a Move - Young MC
82. Once In a Lifetime - Talking Heads
83. The Power of Love - Huey Lewis & The News
84. I Want To Know What Love Is - Foreigner
85. Papa Don't Preach - Madonna
86. Endless Love - Diana Ross & Lionel Richie
87. Sledgehammer - Peter Dinklage
88. Take My Breath Away - Berlin
89. Everybody Wants To Rule the World - Tears For Fears
90. Don't You (Forget About Me) - Simple Minds
91. Let's Dance - David Bowie
92. Don't Dream It's Over - Crowded House
93. West End Girls (1985 version) - Pet Shop Boys
94. Need You Tonight - INXS
95. I Can't Go For That (No Can Do) - Hall & Oates
96. We Are the World - U.S.A. For Africa
97. How Soon Is Now? - Smiths
98. Fuck Tha Police - N.W.A
99. Straight Up - Paula Abdul
100. Me, Myself and I - De La Soul

Top 100 2000s songs (2020-02-14 18:27)

1. Hey Ya - OutKast

2. Lose Yourself - Eminem
3. Crazy in Love - Beyoncé feat. Jay Z
4. Crazy - Gnarls Barkley
5. Seven Nation Army - The White Stripes
6. Clocks - Coldplay
7. Paper Planes - M.I.A.
8. Last Nite - The Strokes
9. Take Me Out - Franz Ferdinand
10. Jesus Walks - Kanye West
11. Get Ur Freak On - Missy Elliot
12. Umbrella - Rihanna feat. Jay Z
13. Yeah! - Usher feat. Lil' Jon and Ludacris
14. Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It) - Beyoncé
15. Idioteque - Radiohead
16. In Da Club - 50 Cent
17. Fallin' - Alicia Keys
18. Rehab - Amy Winehouse
19. Feel Good Inc. - Gorillaz
20. Yellow - Coldplay
21. Gold Digger - Kanye West
22. Boulevard of Broken Dreams - Green Day

23. Beautiful Day - U2
24. All My Friends - LCD Soundsystem
25. Viva la Vida - Coldplay
26. SexyBack - Justin Timberlake
27. Toxic - Britney Spears
28. Ms. Jackson - OutKast
29. 99 Problems - Jay Z
30. What You Know - T.I.
31. Low - Flo Rida
32. One More Time - Daft Punk
33. Since U Been Gone - Kelly Clarkson
34. Stan - Eminem
35. Losing My Edge - LCD Soundsystem
36. Fell in Love with a Girl - The White Stripes
37. I Bet You Look Good On the Dancefloor - Arctic Monkeys
38. No One - Alicia Keys
39. Try Again - Aaliyah
40. B.O.B. (Bombs Over Baghdad) - OutKast
41. Can't Get You Out of My Head - Kylie Minogue
42. Irreplaceable - Beyoncé
43. Mr. Brightside - The Killers

44. Just Dance - Lady Gaga
45. Poker Face - Lady Gaga
46. Family Affair - Mary J. Blige
47. I Gotta Feeling - Black Eyed Peas
48. Boom Boom Pow - Black Eyed Peas
49. I Kissed a Girl - Katy Perry
50. I'm Yours - Jason Mraz
51. How You Remind Me - Nickelback
52. In the End - Linkin Park
53. Stronger - Kanye West
54. Harder Better Faster Stronger - Daft Punk
55. Hot N' Cold - Katy Perry
56. Maps - Yeah Yeah Yeahs
57. House of Jealous Lovers - The Rapture
58. Survivor - Destiny's Child
59. Sex On Fire - Kings of Leon
60. Use Somebody - Kings of Leon
61. The Seed (2.0) - The Roots
62. Work It - Missy Elliot
63. My Love - Justin Timberlake
64. 1 Thing - Amerie

- 65. Disturbia - Rihanna
- 66. Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels) - Arcade Fire
- 67. Live Your Life - T.I. feat. Rihanna
- 68. Without Me - Eminem
- 69. Hips Don't Lie - Shakira
- 70. Ignition - R. Kelly
- 71. Music - Madonna
- 72. No One Knows - Queens of the Stone Age
- 73. Starlight - Muse
- 74. D.A.N.C.E. - Justice
- 75. Float On - Modest Mouse
- 76. Made You Look - Nas
- 77. Izzo (H.O.V.A.) - Jay Z
- 78. Empire State of Mind - Jay Z feat. Alicia Keys
- 79. My Girls - Animal Collective
- 80. We Belong Together - Mariah Carey
- 81. Dilemma - Nelly feat. Kelly Rowland
- 82. Love in this Club - Usher feat. Young Jeezy
- 83. Young Folks - Peter Bjorn & John
- 84. Drop It Like It's Hot - Snoop Dogg feat. Pharrell
- 85. A Milli - Lil Wayne

- 86. Dani California - Red Hot Chili Peppers
 - 87. Hard to Explain - The Strokes
 - 88. Heartbeat - Annie
 - 89. The Scientist - Coldplay
 - 90. Like a Stone - Audioslave
 - 91. Chop Suey! - System of a Down
 - 92. Pyramid Song - Radiohead
 - 93. Cry Me a River - Justin Timberlake
 - 94. Where is the Love - Black Eyed Peas
 - 95. The Rising - Bruce Springsteen
 - 96. Kids - MGMT
 - 97. Slow Hands - Interpol
 - 98. Good Life - Kanye West feat. T. Pain
 - 99. The Way You Move - OutKast
 - 100. Kryptonite - 3 Doors Down
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- 101. Galang - M.I.A.
 - 102. Independent Woman Part I - Destiny's Child
 - 103. Clint Eastwood - Gorillaz
 - 104. Rebellion (Lies) - Arcade Fire
 - 105. Hate It or Love It - The Game feat 50 Cent

- 106. Do You Realize?? - The Flaming Lips
- 107. Everything in it's Right Place - Radiohead
- 108. Banquet - Bloc Party
- 109. Vertigo - U2
- 110. Can't Stand Me Now - The Libertines
- 111. Mosh - Eminem
- 112. Roses - OutKast
- 113. If I Were a Boy - Beyoncé
- 114. The Way We Get By - Spoon
- 115. Time to Pretend - MGMT
- 116. When You Were Young - The Killers
- 117. Supermassive Black Hole - Muse
- 118. This Love - Maroon 5
- 119. Speed of Sound - Coldplay
- 120. Say It Right - Nelly Furtado
- 121. Crank That - Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
- 122. American Idiot - Green Day
- 123. Smile - Lily Allen
- 124. Chasing Cars - Snow Patrol
- 125. Steady as She Goes - The Raconteurs
- 126. The Rat - The Walkmen

- 127. Heartbeats - The Knife
- 128. Slow Jamz - Twista
- 129. While You Wait for the Others - Grizzly Bear
- 130. Ain't No Other Man - Christina Aguilera
- 131. 12:51 - The Strokes
- 132. Someday - The Strokes
- 133. Hollaback Girl - Gwen Stefani
- 134. Promiscuous - Nelly Furtado feat. Timbaland
- 135. Get this Party Started - Pink
- 136. Stay Fly - Three 6 Mafia
- 137. Do You Want To - Franz Ferdinand
- 138. Wake Me Up When September Ends - Green Day
- 139. Milkshake - Kelis
- 140. Digital Love - Daft Punk
- 141. Grindin' - Clipse
- 142. Poor Places - Wilco
- 143. What Goes Around... Comes Around - Justin Timberlake
- 144. Hate to Say I Told You So - The Hives
- 145. Obstacle 1 - Interpol
- 146. New Slang - The Shins
- 147. Hey There Delilah - Plain White T's

- 148. Foolish - Ashanti
- 149. Wolf Like Me - TV On the Radio
- 150. The Real Slim Shady - Eminem
- 151. Somebody Told Me - The Killers
- 152. White & Nerdy - "Weird Al" Yankovic
- 153. Jigsaw Falling Into Place - Radiohead
- 154. Bring Me to Life - Evanescence
- 155. Check On It - Beyoncé feat. Slim Thug
- 156. My Doorbell - The White Stripes
- 157. Hot in Herre - Nelly
- 158. 1234 - Feist
- 159. The Middle - Jimmy Eat World
- 160. Brainstorm - Arctic Monkeys
- 161. Frontier Psychiatrist - The Avalanches
- 162. Island in the Sun - Weezer
- 163. I Luv U - Dizzee Rascal
- 164. Hoppípolla - Sigur Rós
- 165. View from the Afternoon - Arctic Monkeys
- 166. Blind - Hercules and Love Affair
- 167. Where's Your Head At - Basement Jaxx
- 168. 2 + 2 = 5 - Radiohead

169. Heartless - Kanye West
170. Snow ((Hey Oh)) - Red Hot Chili Peppers
171. La Rock 01 - Vitalic
172. Schism - Tool
173. Pork and Beans - Weezer
174. Jesus, etc. - Wilco
175. Sexy Bitch - David Guetta feat. Akon
176. Over and Over - Hot Chip
177. By the Way - Red Hot Chili Peppers
178. Beautiful Girls - Sean Kingston
179. Diamonds from Serra Leone - Kanye West
180. Fireworks - Animal Collective
181. Peacebone - Animal Collective
182. Such Great Heights - The Postal Service
183. Whatever You Like - T.I.
184. Ruby - Kaiser Chiefs
185. S.O.S. - Rihanna
186. Mississippi - Bob Dylan
187. Dry Your Eyes - The Streets
188. Out of Time - Blur
189. First of the Gang to Die - Morrissey

190. Me and Giuliani Down By the Schoolyard (A True Story) - !!!

191. Lost Cause - Beck

192. Int'l Player's Anthem - UGK feat. OutKast

193. White Winter Hymnal - Fleet Foxes

194. 1901 - Phoenix

195. Machine Gun - Portishead

196. Atlas - Battles

197. Your Ex-Lover is Dead - Stars

198. Chicago - Sufjan Stevens

199. Oxford Comma - Vampire Weekend

200. Technologic - Daft

Top 100 1970s songs (2020-02-14 18:43)

- Greatest Rock Songs of the '70s**
1. Stairway to Heaven - Led Zeppelin
 2. Hotel California - The Eagles
 3. Imagine - John Lennon
 4. What's Going On - Marvin Gaye
 5. Born to Run - Bruce Springsteen
 6. Superstition - Stevie Wonder
 7. Layla - Derek and the Dominos
 8. Bohemian Rhapsody - Queen

9. Bridge Over Troubled Water - Simon and Garfunkel
10. Let's Stay Together - Al Green
11. Let It Be - The Beatles
12. Maggie May - Rod Stewart
13. American Pie - Don McLean
14. Won't Get Fooled Again - The Who
15. Stayin' Alive - The Bee Gees
16. Free Bird - Lynyrd Skynyrd
17. Brown Sugar - The Rolling Stones
18. Let's Get It On - Marvin Gaye
19. Go Your Own Way - Fleetwood Mac
20. Papa Was a Rollin' Stone - The Temptations
21. Your Song - Elton John
22. Midnight Train to Georgia - Gladys Knight and the Pips
23. More Than a Feeling - Boston
24. Just My Imagination - The Temptations
25. I Will Survive - Gloria Gaynor
26. Roxanne - The Police
27. Dream On - Aerosmith
28. Another Brick in the Wall, Part 2 - Pink Floyd
29. No Woman, No Cry - Bob Marley and the Wailers

30. London Calling - The Clash
31. Family Affair - Sly and the Family Stone
32. Anarchy in the UK - The Sex Pistols
33. Dancing Queen - ABBA
34. We Will Rock You/We Are the Champions - Queen
35. Get Up (I Feel Like Being a) Sex Machine - James Brown
36. Living for the City - Stevie Wonder
37. Sweet Home Alabama - Lynyrd Skynyrd
38. Lola - The Kinks
39. Smoke on the Water - Deep Purple
40. Sultans of Swing - Dire Straits
41. Walk This Way - Aerosmith
42. Lean on Me - Bill Withers
43. Who'll Stop the Rain - Creedence Clearwater Revival
44. Kashmir - Led Zeppelin
45. Rapper's Delight - The Sugarhill Gang
46. Heart of Glass - Blondie
47. Theme from "Shaft" - Isaac Hayes
48. Me and Bobby McGee - Janis Joplin
49. Fire and Rain - James Taylor
50. Baba O'Riley - The Who

51. Paranoid - Black Sabbath
52. Heart of Gold - Neil Young
53. Walk on the Wild Side - Lou Reed
54. It's Too Late - Carole King
55. You Are the Sunshine of My Life - Stevie Wonder
56. All Right Now - Free
57. Good Times - Chic
58. (Don't Fear) The Reaper - Blue Oyster Cult
59. If You Don't Know Me by Now - Harold Melvin & Blue Notes
60. Riders On the Storm - The Doors
61. My Sweet Lord - George Harrison
62. Bang a Gong (Get It On) - T. Rex
63. Black Magic Woman - Santana
64. Tangled Up in Blue - Bob Dylan
65. One Nation Under a Groove - Funkadelic
66. Wish You Were Here - Pink Floyd
67. Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough - Michael Jackson
68. We Are Family - Sister Sledge
69. Rock and Roll - Led Zeppelin
70. I Wanna Be Sedated - The Ramones
71. Money - Pink Floyd

- 72. Miss You - The Rolling Stones
- 73. Piano Man - Billy Joel
- 74. Tired of Being Alone - Al Green
- 75. Killing Me Softly with His Song - Roberta Flack
- 76. Changes - David Bowie
- 77. Le Freak - Chic
- 78. Band of Gold - Freda Payne
- 79. Maybe I'm Amazed (studio version) - Paul McCartney
- 80. Thunder Road - Bruce Springsteen
- 81. Comfortably Numb - Pink Floyd
- 82. Heroes - David Bowie
- 83. Hot Stuff - Donna Summer
- 84. War - Edwin Starr
- 85. Night Moves - Bob Seger
- 86. Black Dog - Led Zeppelin
- 87. Brass in Pocket - The Pretenders
- 88. Goodbye Yellow Brick Road - Elton John
- 89. You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet - Bachman-Turner Overdrive
- 90. I'll Take You There - The Staple Singers
- 91. Tumbling Dice - The Rolling Stones
- 92. Love Train - The O'Jays

- 93. You're So Vain - Carly Simon
 - 94. Best of My Love - The Emotions
 - 95. God Save the Queen - The Sex Pistols
 - 96. Old Time Rock 'n' Roll - Bob Seger & Silver Bullet Band
 - 97. Blitzkrieg Bop - The Ramones
 - 98. Message in a Bottle - The Police
 - 99. Mercy Mercy Me - Marvin Gaye
 - 100. One of These Nights - The Eagles
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- 101. Oh Girl - The Chi-Lites
- 102. Train in Vain - The Clash
- 103. Take It Easy - The Eagles
- 104. I'll Be Around - The Spinners
- 105. American Woman - The Guess Who
- 106. Roundabout - Yes
- 107. That Lady - The Isley Brothers
- 108. Angie - The Rolling Stones
- 109. Rock Lobster - The B-52's
- 110. Have You Seen Her - The Chi-Lites
- 111. Reeling in the Years - Steely Dan
- 112. Bennie and the Jets - Elton John

- 113. Aqualung - Jethro Tull
- 114. Low Rider - War
- 115. I'm Not in Love - 10cc
- 116. Brick House - Commodores
- 117. Y.M.C.A. - Village People
- 118. The Boys Are Back in Town - Thin Lizzy
- 119. Play That Funky Music - Wild Cherry
- 120. Rocket Man - Elton John
- 121. The Joker - The Steve Miller Band
- 122. Dreams - Fleetwood Mac
- 123. Have You Ever Seen the Rain - CCR
- 124. Paradise by the Dashboard Light - Meat Loaf
- 125. School's Out - Alice Cooper
- 126. Joy to the World - Three Dog Night
- 127. Highway to Hell - AC/DC
- 128. Tear the Roof off the Sucker - Parliament
- 129. Radar Love - Golden Earring
- 130. The Long and Winding Road - The Beatles
- 131. I Feel Love - Donna Summer
- 132. I'll Be There - The Jackson 5
- 133. Oye Como Va - Santana

134. Jamming - Bob Marley and the Wailers
135. All the Young Dudes - Mott the Hoople
136. Ohio - Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
137. Moondance - Van Morrison
138. Drift Away - Dobie Gray
139. Higher Ground - Stevie Wonder
140. Knockin' on Heaven's Door - Bob Dylan
141. Rock Your Baby - George McCrae
142. Instant Karma - John Lennon
143. Child in Time - Deep Purple
144. Get Up, Stand Up - The Wailers
145. Lady Marmalade - LaBelle
146. Flash Light - Parliament
147. Rhiannon - Fleetwood Mac
148. Long Cool Woman - The Hollies
149. Ain't No Sunshine - Bill Withers
150. Respect Yourself - The Staple Singers
151. Sweet Emotion - Aerosmith
152. Cars - Gary Numan
153. Takin' Care of Business - Bachman-Turner Overdrive
154. Just What I Needed - The Cars

- 155. Funkytown - Lipps, Inc.
- 156. My Sharona - The Knack
- 157. Rock with You - Michael Jackson
- 158. The Harder They Come - Jimmy Cliff
- 159. Back Stabbers - The O-Jays
- 160. I Can See Clearly Now - Johnny Nash
- 161. Without You - Nilsson
- 162. Tiny Dancer - Elton John
- 163. Because the Night - Patti Smith
- 164. Ramblin' Man - The Allman Brothers
- 165. Wonderful Tonight - Eric Clapton
- 166. Just the Way You Are - Billy Joel
- 167. Rock and Roll All Nite - KISS
- 168. That's the Way (I Like It) - KC & the Sunshine Band
- 169. Autobahn - Kraftwerk
- 170. Help Me - Joni Mitchell
- 171. Fame - David Bowie
- 172. Love to Love You Baby - Donna Summer
- 173. Kiss and Say Goodbye - The Manhattans
- 174. Time - Pink Floyd
- 175. Burning Love - Elvis Presley

176. I'm Still in Love with You - Al Green
177. Lust for Life - Iggy Pop
178. Werewolves of London - Warren Zevon
179. Disco Inferno - The Trammps
180. Cruisin' - Smokey Robinson
181. Refugee - Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
182. Tonight's the Night - Rod Stewart
183. Smiling Faces Sometimes - The Undisputed Truth
184. Behind Blue Eyes - The Who
185. Always and Forever - Heatwave
186. We're an American Band - Grand Funk
187. Band on the Run - Paul McCartney and Wings
188. Listen to the Music - The Doobie Brothers
189. September - Earth, Wind and Fire
190. Runnin' with the Devil - Van Halen
191. Who Are You - The Who
192. Waterloo - ABBA
193. Got to Give It Up - Marvin Gaye
194. Fly Like an Eagle - The Steve Miller Band
195. I Wish - Stevie Wonder
196. Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe - Barry White

197. Carry On Wayward Son - Kansas

198. Surrender - Cheap Trick

199. Ball of Confusion - The Temptations

200. Cocaine - Eric Clapton

201. Alone Again (Naturally) - Gilbert O'Sullivan

202. Crocodile Rock - Elton John

203. Love Is the Drug - Roxy Music

204. LA Woman - The Doors

205. Stuck in the Middle with You - Stealers Wheel

206. Mr. Big Stuff - Jean Knight

207. The Logical Song - Supertramp

208. Tell Me Something Good - Rufus

209. Oliver's Army - Elvis Costello

210. 25 or 6 to 4 - Chicago

211. What I Like About You - The Romantics

212. Shame - Evelyn "Champagne" King

213. Inner City Blues - Marvin Gaye

214. Life in the Fast Lane - The Eagles

215. A Horse with No Name - America

216. Hey Hey My My (Into the Black) - Neil Young

- 217. Natural High - Bloodstone
- 218. One Way or Another - Blondie
- 219. O-o-h Child - The Five Stairsteps
- 220. I Saw the Light - Todd Rundgren
- 221. Night Fever - The Bee Gees
- 222. Truckin' - The Grateful Dead
- 223. Rock and Roll, Part 2 - Gary Glitter
- 224. Baker Street - Gerry Rafferty
- 225. Psycho Killer - Talking Heads
- 226. What a Fool Believes - The Doobie Brothers
- 227. Margaritaville - Jimmy Buffet
- 228. Dust in the Wind - Kansas
- 229. When Will I See You Again - The Three Degrees
- 230. Black Water - The Doobie Brothers
- 231. Me and Mrs. Jones - Billy Paul
- 232. Running on Empty - Jackson Browne
- 233. Turn the Page - Bob Seger
- 234. Roadhouse Blues - The Doors
- 235. The Payback - James Brown
- 236. Rebel Rebel - David Bowie
- 237. Killer Queen - Queen

238. Pick Up the Pieces - Average White Band

239. Can't Get Enough - Bad Company

240. Fantasy - Earth, Wind and Fire

241. Long Time - Boston

242. Until You Come Back to Me - Aretha Franklin

243.

Long Train Running

- The Doobie Brothers

244. Over the Hills and Far Away - Led Zeppelin

245. Locomotive Breath - Jethro Tull

246. That's the Way of the World - Earth, Wind and Fire

247.

December, 1963 (Oh, What a Night)

- The Four Seasons

248. Question - The Moody Blues

249.

Go All the Way

- The Raspberries

250.

You Make Me Feel Brand New

- The Stylistics

Employers are wrong (2020-02-16 17:28)

They want somebody in Management information Systems to code perl. Only thing is I didn't go into computer science so I don't have to. I went into Management Information Systems. They gave me a C # Visual Basic class. I don't do coding. I am not smart enough, I didn't get trained for it, its not my degree. And of course they all want me

to do this. And there is age discrimination at 35.

Then retail alienates me, because they don't code. Seeing my degree isn't in computer science, they just pass me up.

WHAT PART OF NOT IN MY DEGREE DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? And I rather go into warehousing or retail then code perl

former staffers would rather see corruption and FISA abuse continue than to have Barr drain the swamp.
(2020-02-17 00:25)

More than 1,100 former Department of Justice alumni signed a petition calling on Attorney General William Barr to resign. They take issue with the fact that he instructed the U.S. Attorney's Office to reverse their recommendation for Roger Stone to serve between seven and nine years in prison. According to the petition, Barr did not uphold the department's principle of "apply[ing] the law equally to all Americans."

We, the undersigned, are alumni of the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) who have collectively served both Republican and Democratic administrations. Each of us strongly condemns President Trump's and Attorney General Barr's interference in the fair administration of justice.

"This obligation flows directly from the Constitution, and it is embedded in countless rules and laws governing the conduct of DOJ lawyers. The Justice Manual — the DOJ's rulebook for its lawyers — states that 'the rule of law depends on the evenhanded administration of justice'; that the Department's legal decisions 'must be impartial and insulated from political influence'; and that the Department's prosecutorial powers, in particular, must be 'exercised free from partisan consideration,'" the petition stated.

"Although there are times when political leadership appropriately weighs in on individual prosecutions, it is unheard of for the Department's top leaders to overrule line prosecutors, who are following established policies, in order to give preferential treatment to a close associate of the President, as Attorney General Barr did in the Stone case," the petition said. "It is even more outrageous for the Attorney General to intervene as he did here — after the President publicly condemned the sentencing recommendation that line prosecutors had already filed in court."

Those who signed the petition feel that President Trump has interfered with department policies and "gravely damaged the Department's credibility."

Although the group of former employees wants Barr to resign, they "have little expectation he will do so, it falls to the Department's career officials to take appropriate action to uphold their oaths of office and defend nonpartisan, apolitical justice."

The DOJ alumni applauded the prosecutors who withdrew from the Stone case and/or resigned from the Department and said they want the agency's other employees to do the same.

"We call on every DOJ employee to follow their heroic example and be prepared to report future abuses to the Inspector General, the Office of Professional Responsibility, and Congress; to refuse to carry out directives that are inconsistent with their oaths of office; to withdraw from cases that involve such directives or other misconduct; and, if necessary, to resign and report publicly — in a manner consistent with professional ethics — to the American people the reasons for their resignation. We likewise call on the other branches of government to protect from retaliation those employees who uphold their oaths in the face of unlawful directives. The rule of law and the survival

of our Republic demand nothing less."

Notable signatories include CNN analysts and former federal prosecutors Elie Honig and Renato Mariotti and MSNBC analysts Paul Butler, Frank Figliuzzi, Matthew Miller and Jill Wine-Banks, the Daily Caller reported.

These calls for Barr's firing raise some serious questions.

How many of those 1,100 former prosecutors and officials called for action when the IG reported that the FBI lied to the FISA Court 17 times? <https://t.co/8FbKwz0fnz>

— Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim_Jordan) February 16, 2020

Really. And how many of these same officials claiming to be principled said a word about James Comey, Andy McCabe, and others who got caught red handed by the IG report? <https://t.co/yqiamGKqqr>

— Mark Meadows (@RepMarkMeadows) February 16, 2020

Bet it's safe to say these former staffers would rather see corruption and FISA abuse continue than to have someone like Barr drain the swamp

Boy scouts of America bankrupt via Critical Theory. (2020-02-19 14:03)

What's left of the Boy Scouts of America (now operating as Scouts BSA) is on the brink of declaring bankruptcy, according to recent news reports. With estimated assets of more than \$1 billion, Scouting's problems go beyond the financial, deep into the problems with America's civil culture today.

The U.S. Boy Scout movement reached its numerical height in 1969 with 6 million members, in a year with President Richard M. Nixon as honorary head of the Scouts and Eagle Scout astronaut Neil Armstrong stepping out on the moon.

I was a Cub Scout that year, once a week proudly wearing my uniform to Armstrong Elementary School in our Chicago neighborhood, heading to our well-attended den meeting right after school. My liberal Democratic parents signed me up, my dad a World War II veteran supportive of Scouting's patriotism.

Fast-forward ahead nearly 50 years: Scout membership has dropped toward 2 million. The impending departure of the Latter Day Saints troops this year will drop that total by one-fifth. Our local school district in conservative central Pennsylvania won't allow promoting Scouting at school. In our college town, many in the woke local elite now despise Scouting as neo-Nazi and white nationalist, despite efforts to change the national movement to please progressives. My son's local troop closed recently for lack of members, and so did others in the area.

The national organization faces large lawsuits due to alleged cases of sexual abuse as state legislatures change the statute of limitations on such cases. It also faces a lawsuit from the Girl Scouts for poaching on their membership by changing its name recently to Scouts BSA and recruiting girls.

It's Not Just Financial Bankruptcy

The old American Boy Scouts might as well be filing for moral bankruptcy, having lost both its base and elite cultural capital. What used to be an organization designed to help boys become men has now been re-fashioned in line with the new gnosticism of American culture, accepting LGBTQIA ideology, while abandoning its traditional ascetic position about sex and its opposition to atheism.

Next year's World Scouting Jamboree in West Virginia reportedly will be the first hosted by the former Boy

Scouts of America to make condoms available to participants. A 2016 agreement with the Unitarian-Universalists overrode the group's membership requirement of belief in God by allowing belief in humanism, contrary to the Scout Oath.

The “bowling alone” syndrome of declining civic groups in the United States, over-scheduling of young people, and the weakening of American family models all played a role. In fact, political scientist Paul Kengor of Grove City College has detailed the history of American communists and cultural Marxists's efforts to target and subvert Scouting in particular, to help undermine American family life.

Yet it was corporate executives and members of the U.S. political establishment (including Scouting leaders such as Rex Tillerson and Robert Gates) on the national board who with progressive staff members agreed to surrender to pressure to sexualize the organization in recent years, despite an earlier hard-fought U.S. Supreme Court victory by the organization to preserve membership rules. In admitting openly gay members and leaders, accepting transgenderism, then admitting girls, Scouting turned its back on a cultural background of Christian teaching on sexuality going back millennia.

The central issue was not admitting openly LGBTQIA-identifying members and leaders, but redefining the group's value of freedom as self-expression, rather than self-restraint. The latter was the traditional ethos of Scouting, not shaping boys into open heterosexuals or any other type of -sexuals, in the “Mad Men”/Hugh Hefner mold or anything else.

Turning On Historic Christian Morality

In Scouting in recent decades, physical edginess and “tough” training requirements also were loosened or removed. The values of a culture dedicated to the human person as totally malleable, based on self-will, took hold. Safety and comfort became increasingly the ultimate values.

Such values, which affected Scouting ultimately more because of changes in its anchoring mainline Protestant and business cultures than leftist subversion, reject an age-old cultural inheritance of the American republic that regarded virtue and self-restraint as the goals of education of young men, to be leaders of a free society and the families that would continue it.

In the wake of the Neo-Chalcedonianism established by the Fifth Ecumenical Church Council in 553, St. Maximus the Confessor in the seventh century articulated the basis for traditional Christian ascetic approaches to identity as a cosmology, not merely morality. It was a synthesis in part of biblical and Greek philosophical traditions. He wrote of how God created man male and female, but also that there was neither male nor female in Christ.

Maximus' Christian Byzantine Empire had a performative sense of biological and embodied sexual identity of men and women, with also a third gender or sex, that of both eunuchs and ascetics. Virtuous and holy women could aspire to manliness; men could venerate the Mother of God as the best of saints. Self-restrained and grace-filled chastity, engaged in marriage to the opposite sex or to Christ in monastic community, was seen as leading to the fulfillment of human life in oneness with God's grace—not essentializing sexual passions by objectifying others.

The complementarity of marriage was a living symbol of the relation of humanity in the universal church to God. Biological sexes of male and female were an embodied sacred iconography to be honored and followed, nurturing trans-generational families in which men could learn to be guardians of peace, husbands who would lay down their lives for their families and country.

That is the deep and complex centuries-old basis for a moral initiation into manhood that dimly still underlay the Boy Scout Oath and Law, a distant cultural inheritance.

Setting Boys Adrift In a Mooring-less Culture

Scouts were never a perfect organization. Major problems with sexual abuse and coverups of it show that. They had quasi-Masonic aspects in Order of the Arrow ceremonies and “great Scoutmaster in the sky” language at camp chapel, emerging from an odd crucible of Teddy Roosevelt-style nationalist progressivism and British Empire civics of the early 20th century. Rudyard Kipling’s “Jungle Book” also inspired Cub Scout ranks.

It is that much of a harder path today for many American boys without strong male role models to find their way.

But in the lost world of 1969 working-class Chicago neighborhoods, in the heyday of the Boy Scouts of America, I with many other boys before and since learned valuable lessons from Scouting, and however imperfectly kept respect for the virtues of the Scout Oath and Law tucked away with my old copy of the Scout handbook and Scout pocket knife in later years.

Our eldest son found a home in a small rural troop run by dedicated military and law enforcement veterans. I often went along on camping trips as an adult volunteer leader. It was a great experience and a sad day when the troop closed recently due to dwindling membership.

Our family’s relationship with regular Scouting ended around the time our younger son in fifth grade ran to get his copy of Boys Life magazine in the mail only to throw it aside because it was featuring girls, as if photoshopped into Norman Rockwell Scouting art. He lost his enthusiasm, our eldest lost his home troop, and dad didn’t want to send money to a national organization adrift.

Not just the old Boy Scouts but America may need receivership for moral bankruptcy. Either way, the real shame is that it is that much of a harder path today for many American boys without strong male role models to find their way to the freedom of self-restraint in manhood envisioned in that millennia-old tradition

What Christian Conservatives Need to Know About Mike Bloomberg (2020-02-23 12:32)

It is ironic that former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg is presenting himself as the balanced alternative to extreme socialists like

Senator Bernie Sanders. In reality, when it comes to areas of great concern to Christian conservatives, Bloomberg has been anything but moderate.

As noted by Catholic activist Bill Donohue with references to his tenure as mayor, “on two key social issues — abortion and religious liberty — the presidential candidate was a total bomb.”

Donohue actually claims that “Bloomberg is one of the most radical pro-abortion politicians in American history.”

Among the former mayor’s accomplishments was this: “Bloomberg’s passion for abortion allowed him to appropriate \$15 million from a civic facility revenue bond transaction that benefited Planned Parenthood.”

Would you want someone like this in the White House?

Lest you think these policies were a thing of the past, on February 12 Bloomberg announced, “As president, I will fiercely protect a woman’s right to choose, and I will appoint judges who will defend that right.”

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He also declared, “On my first day in office, I will reverse the damage President Trump has done to women's rights and ensure that every woman has access to reproductive health care.”

Never Trumpers who are pro-life might want to reconsider their stance should Bloomberg become the Democratic nominee. (For that matter, given the current crop of candidates, they should reconsider their stance regardless of which candidate emerges as the Democratic nominee.)

Donohue also states that, “On religious liberty issues, Bloomberg’s record was similarly awful.”

To cite just one example, “The courts have long ruled that religious groups have a right to use public facilities, yet Bloomberg denied the right of an inner-city Christian church to hold religious services in a public school on Sundays, setting up a court challenge. He lost in federal district court in 2005, but his censorial effort was not lost on supporters of the Bronx Household of Faith.”

I ask once again: if you are a Christian conservative (or, simply a person who cherishes our fundamental freedoms), is this the kind of man you want in the White House?

My Stream colleague John Zmirak claimed that Bloomberg is an “amoral monster.”

Another Stream colleague, Rachel Alexander, has sampled some of Bloomberg’s derogatory comments about women and others, as opponents of Donald Trump have often done.

The difference, of course, is that Trump has proven himself a friend of the unborn and a friend of religious liberties. Bloomberg has proven himself to be the exact opposite.

Timothy P. Carney drew attention to several of Bloomberg’s more severe statements that confirm this. For example, he writes that, “Mike Bloomberg once pointed to the in utero child of an employee and said ‘kill it, kill it,’ according to two witnesses.”

And this, according to Carney, is part of a larger, dangerous mindset: “Telling an expectant mother to kill her baby, mocking a new mother’s desire for quality child care, cursing whenever a female employee gets pregnant, and publicly denigrating marriage among professional women all reflect a clear and consistent mindset: The women who worked for him were worker bees. Their humanity, their fertility, their love, and their human attachments were all impediments to productivity. He saw these women as means to his ends of profit.”

Let the reader look at Bloomberg’s more recent, pro-abortion comments and decide whether this assessment is accurate.

Personally, I’m sure about what his policies have been and what he promises his policies will be. That is not the person I want leading our country.

What raises even more concerns is that Bloomberg presented himself as a champion of religious liberty as mayor. As David French noted in 2012, “at the same time that the mayor declared that ‘no neighborhood’ in New York was ‘off-limits to God’s love and mercy,’ he was enforcing a unique-in-the-nation policy that in fact declared New York City schools ‘off-limits’ to private religious use that includes worship.”

Yes, this was unique to New York.

As ADF attorney Jordan Lawrence explained, “By state law, the city opens its 1,200 schools on weeknights and weekends to community groups for any use ‘pertaining to the welfare of the community.’ The public schools allow thousands of organizations — scout troops, labor unions, arts groups, etc. — to hold meetings, concerts and recitals. They’ve even allowed ‘Law and Order’ to film in the schools.

“Why single out religious groups and churches, by prohibiting them from conducting worship services in vacant schools when students are gone?”

So, under Mayor Bloomberg, everyone else had the right to rent and use the city’s 1,200 school buildings with the sole exception of religious groups and churches. Why?

The New York Daily News was not hyping things when its February 14, 2012 headline announced: “The Bloomberg administration says churches must leave school buildings now.”

Is this the administration you want running America?

Let the voter beware

Time For a US-Brazil Free Trade Agreement (2020-02-23 12:35)

The election in 2018 of Brazil’s President Jair Bolsonaro has shown that South Americans are pivoting away from socialism and towards free

market economics. This is a unique time in Central and South American politics with many nations rotating away from China and Russia towards the United States and other free market nations. Nations that show a healthy respect for property rights, low taxes, low regulatory policies and respect for intellectual property rights should be rewarded with free trade agreements that benefit both economies.

Right now, the United States is in a trade war with China with ongoing negotiations to resolve disputes over tariffs, intellectual property theft and corporate subsidies. There are large gulfs between the way the United States governs with a light touch regulatory scheme and the heavy-handed Chinese involvement in the economy. It makes geopolitical and economic sense for the two biggest economic superpowers to engage in commerce, yet these are nations trying to peacefully co-exist with vastly differing economic models.

According to the Office of U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. has free trade agreements with the South American nations of Chile, Columbia and Peru, yet none with Brazil. According to the International Monetary Fund’s World Economic Outlook Database, the United States has the largest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the world. The next highest in North, Central or South America is not Canada (#10), nor Mexico (#15); the next highest nation ranked in GDP in that region of the world is Brazil (#9). It is ironic that the two biggest economies in the Americas are currently on the same page with economic policies, yet with no free trade agreement

With the recent shift under President Bolsonaro towards free market capitalism, and away from socialism, it is time for President Donald J. Trump to reward Brazil’s turn toward freedom with a free trade agreement.

The election in Brazil shifted influence away from China and Russia and toward the West. I wrote in Townhall on October 9, 2018, just before the Workers’ Party was tossed out of office, the election in Brazil “may help determine if Central and South America will move away from the corrupt socialist policies we see being promoted in Venezuela and Cuba toward free market-oriented policies promoted by the likes of a candidate who is likely to be

the next President of Brazil.” With “The Trump of the Tropics” Bolsonaro winning that election in Brazil, it is time for Brazil and the United States to work closer together on military readiness and economic trade issues.

Years of rule by the corrupt Workers’ Party put Brazil in with a very low ranking in economic freedom in The Heritage Foundation’s Index of Economic Freedom. Brazil has a low growth rate and high unemployment thanks to 13 years of rule by the corrupt Marxist Workers’ Party. Policies being implemented by the new government are showing progress towards more economic freedom.

Brazilian leaders are saying all the right things. On September 11, 2019, Brazil’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Ernesto Araujo identified the big challenge for civilization as “not climate change,” but “ideology. Araujo said that the new challenge is “globalism” with “cultural Marxism infiltrated in the institutions.” Coming from a nation with an economy poisoned by years of Marxist ideology stagnating the economy and allying with communist nations, Araujo understands more clearly than most Americans the need for freedom, free markets and moral leadership. In November of 2019, Brazil’s Minister of Economy Paulo Guedes came to the United States to make the case that Brazil’s dismantling of the socialist state constructed by the Workers’ Party is well under way. Guedes holds a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago.

There is one big obstruction to a free trade agreement with Brazil – protectionism by some in the Trump administration. Oliver Stuenkel wrote in Foreign Policy on December 6, 2019 that recently imposed steel and aluminum tariffs have moved the relationship in the wrong direction. Stuenkel argued “as the most pro-American president in modern Brazilian history, Bolsonaro has put establishing a strong alliance with the United States at the center of his foreign policy from the start.” Early in the administration, Bolsonaro took a hard line against China and Araujo lamented the influence of “Maoist China” in South America. Guedes met with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross a few months ago in the hopes of better relations. Unfortunately, the Trump faction supporting hard line trade policies and protectionism beat out the pro-freedom factions in the government who would support free trade agreements with strong U.S. allies like Brazil.

It is time to abandon protectionist tariffs and reward President Bolsonaro with a free trade agreement. That will help Bolsonaro secure his position as a pro-American president in the largest nation in South America while benefitting the United States by having a large, strong military and economic ally in South America

Democrats will finally get a dose of what everyone else has been warning Antifa has been doing to them. (2020-02-25 18:40)

For a guy who hates capitalism, Bernie Sanders is exceedingly good at it. It’s not just the millions of dollars he’s made (and kept to himself)

from his books, but his campaign offers anything the young communist could want to show they are a true believer, short of a billy club or keys to a Gulag.

At his website, the unshowered parental disappointments in your life can buy \$27 t-shirts with his name on it or “College for All” across the front, as if to advertise how your priorities are screwed up. If you’re angry about borrowing \$25k per year for a worthless women’s studies degree, what business do you have dropping \$27 on cotton rag demanding someone else picks up the cost?

For the adventurous granola cruncher, there is the \$5 “Medicare for All” bumper sticker. After all, why not lay down what is likely a 10,000 percent mark-up for something to cover the rust on your VW Beetle or to replace the Grateful Dead sticker you bought just after Gerry died? It’s been a while. Time to move on.

Bernie also offers \$7 car magnets, for those trust fund babies and yuppies who never grew up, but feel guilty about their wealth. Giving to charity is for suckers, but so is putting something that will be hard to peel off and could damage the paint on that new BMW.

There's also the \$5 "Not me, us" sticker which features a silhouette of Bernie superimposed over a faceless crowd, thereby defeating the message of the sticker by showing that it is, in fact, about Bernie.

Then there are the hats (\$18- \$27), a \$27 rally poster (guaranteed to ensure virginity through middle age for anyone who hangs it on their bedroom wall), buttons (\$5), a mug (\$18), and more tote bags than PBS during a pledge drive.

For a mere \$18 you can buy a canvas tote that will not only allow you to virtue signal everyone at the Whole Foods about how "woke" you are, but you can do so with a pretentious message emblazoned across it. Imagine tossing \$4 avocados into a bag reading, "Bernie for the planet." What up-and-coming failure wouldn't want a "Keep calm and vote Bernie?" Or, if none of those make you tingle in the right places, there's always the one with what could be a poorly drawn planet Earth in a human hand (it kind of looks like a bar of soap, but that's highly unlikely given the audience) with the words, "Vote Bernie, save this."

Bernie Sanders' online store offers everything you need to empower supporters to show the world that the education system has failed them and disappoint parents from coast to coast.

The worst part isn't that Bernie is selling these and many, many other worthless things to raise money for his campaign, it's that he's running to essentially destroy anyone else's ability to do the same. Not the "to raise campaign funds part," the to make a living part.

People who make a living through their own initiative are the enemy of Bernie Sanders and his army, and all businesses must be destroyed. He's not campaigning on that, obviously, but it's the subtext of everything the man says and advocates.

American citizens are property of the state, not the other way around. Illegal aliens? They get a pass. More than that, they get the same "benefits" as Americans without any of that pesky "having to pay taxes to contribute to the cost" mess that ruins people's April 15th.

How a campaign blatantly promising to screw over Americans while benefitting people in the country illegally gained traction in a major political party in the United States (or any country, for that matter) is a testament to the power of the fringe, the most extreme elements of the left. Why the Democratic Party can't rally behind anyone who likes the country, is proud of it, is shocking.

Bernie Sanders is what happens when a party is devoid of leaders. Bernie is popular with a select group of naïve young people who've yet to earn anything worth having, so the idea of government-sanctioned theft is appealing to them. But the worst part is no one has stood up to him or his ideas; no one has stood up for the country or what made it great. Instead, they pander to the same people, mistaking enthusiasm for the man as enthusiasm up for grabs.

It's Bernie or bust for his supporters. They're already dominated by demographic considered the least likely to vote in the general election. Even if they are enough to win the nomination in a widely split field, they're not likely to carry anyone over the finish line because there aren't more of them. And the demographic most likely to vote in the general election are the least likely to embrace Bernie's vision. They remember the horrors of socialism and communism, they fought them for this country and aren't likely to embrace them now.

That's where the other Democrats dropped the ball. Aping the radical left is never going to appeal to people who want it when the real deal is also on the ballot. You can't out-Bernie Bernie.

Now, with no one willing to leave the race and allow opposition to coalesce around one alternative, it's close to too late to stop him from at least getting a plurality of the delegates needed to win the nomination. If Bernie goes into the convention with the most delegates and doesn't win the nomination, well, hell hath no fury like a Bernie-bro scorned.

The t-shirts will be donned, the tote bags will fly, and Democrats will finally get a dose of what everyone else has been warning Antifa has been doing to them.

Comrade Bernie came to win. And just like those historical monsters he admires, he's not about to let anything stand in his way. If only the other candidates weren't too busy sucking up to him and his army to notice

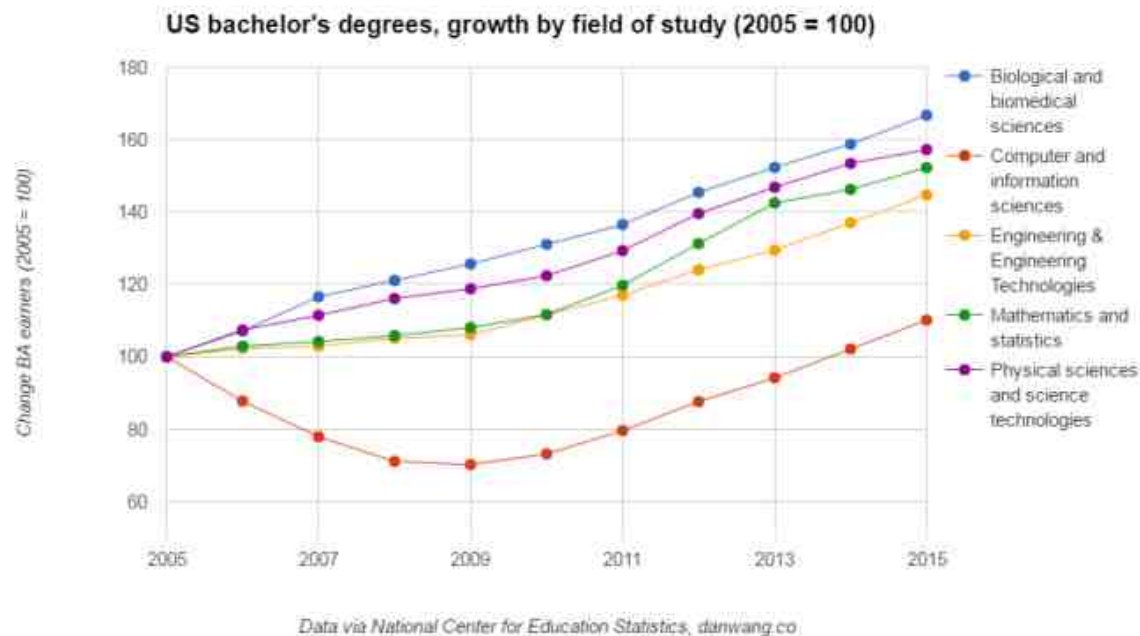
Why do so few people major in computer science? (2020-02-27 19:48)

In 2005, about 54,000 people in the US earned bachelor's degrees in computer science. That figure was lower every year afterwards until 2014, when 55,000 people majored in CS. I'm surprised not only that the figure is low; the greater shock is that was flat for a decade. Given high wages for developers and the cultural centrality of Silicon Valley, shouldn't we expect far more people to have majored in computer science?

This is even more surprising when we consider that 1.90 million people graduated with bachelor's degrees in 2015, which is 31 % higher than the 1.44 million graduates in 2005. ([1] Data is via the National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics

) That means that the share of people majoring in computer science has *decreased* , from 3.76 % of the all majors in 2005 to 3.14 % of all majors in 2015. Meanwhile, other STEM majors have grown over the same period: "engineering" plus "engineering technologies" went from 79,544 to 115,096, a gain of 45 %; "mathematics and statistics" from 14,351 to 21,853, a gain of 52 %; "physical sciences and science technologies" from 19,104 to 30,038, a gain of 57 %; "biological and biomedical sciences" from 65,915 to 109,896, a gain of 67 %. "Computer sciences and information technologies?" From 54,111 in 2005 to 59,581 in 2015, a paltry 10.1 %.

If you'd like a handy chart, I graphed the growth here, with number of graduates normalized to 2005.



(Addendum: Several people have pointed out that 2005 was an idiosyncratic year, and that I should not rebase figures from that date. I graphed it from this point because in the NCES dataset I've been using breaks out the data by one-year intervals only since 2005. Scroll to the end of the post to see data on graduates from 1975, which shows clearly that 2005 was a peak for graduates. A more full discussion would involve the impact of the dotcom bubble; see below.)

I consider this a puzzle because I think that people who go to college decide on what to major in significantly based on two factors: earning potential and whether a field is seen as high-status. Now let's establish whether majoring in CS delivers either.

Are wages high? The answer is yes. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has data on software developers. The latest data we have is from [2] May 2016

, in which the median annual pay for software developers is \$106,000; pretty good, considering that the median annual pay for all occupations is \$37,000. But what about for the lowest decile, which we might consider a proxy for the pay of entry level jobs that fresh grads can expect to claim? That figure is \$64,650, twice the median annual pay for all occupations. We can examine data from a few years back as well. [3] In 2010

, median pay for software developers was \$87,000; pay at the lowest decile was \$54,000. Neither were low, now both have grown.

Now we can consider whether someone majoring in computer science can expect to join a high-status industry. That's more difficult to prove rigorously, but I submit the answer is yes. I went to high school during the late-aughts, when the financial crisis crushed some of Wall Street's allure, and Silicon Valley seemed glamorous even then. Google IPO'd in 2004, people my age all wanted to buy iPhones and work for Steve Jobs, and we were all signing up for Facebook. People talked about how cool it would be to intern at these places. One may not expect to end up at Google after college, but that was a great goal to aspire to. Industries like plastics or poultry or trucking don't all have such glittering companies that attract.

I [4] tweeted

out this puzzle and received a variety of responses. Most of them failed to satisfy. Now I want to run through some common solutions offered to this puzzle along with some rough and dirty argument on what I find lacking about them.

[5] Note: All data comes from the Digest of Education Statistics, Department of Education.

1. Computer science is hard . This is a valid observation, but it doesn't explain behaviors on the margin. CS is a difficult subject, but it's not the only hard major. People who proclaim that CS is so tough have to explain why so many more people have been majoring in math, physics, and engineering; remember, all three majors have seen growth of over 40 % between 2005 and 2015, and they're no cakewalks either. It's also not obvious that their employment prospects are necessarily more rosy than the one for CS majors (at least for the median student who doesn't go to a hedge fund). Isn't it reasonable to expect that people with an aptitude for math, physics, and engineering will also have an aptitude for CS? If so, why is it the only field with low growth?

On the margin, we should expect high wages to attract more people to a discipline, even if it's hard. Do all the people who are okay with toiling for med school, law school, or PhD programs find the CS bachelor's degree to be unthinkably daunting?

2. You don't need a CS degree to be a developer . This is another valid statement that I don't think explains behaviors on the margin. Yes, I know plenty of developers who didn't graduate from college or major in CS. Many who didn't go to school were able to learn on their own, helped along by the varieties of MOOCs and boot camps designed to get them into industry.

It might be true that being a software developer is the field that least requires a bachelor's degree with its associated major. Still: Shouldn't we expect some correlation between study and employment here? That is, shouldn't having a CS major be considered a helpful path into the industry? It seems to me that most tech recruiters look on CS majors with favor.

Although there are many ways to become a developer, I'd find it surprising if majoring in CS is a perfectly useless way to enter the profession, and so people shun it in favor of other majors.

3. People aren't so market-driven when they're considering majors . I was a philosophy major, and no I didn't select on the basis of its dazzling career prospects. Aren't most people like me when it comes to selecting majors?

Maybe. It's hard to tell. Evidence for includes a study [6] published

in the Journal of Human Capital, which suggests that people would reconsider their majors if they actually knew what they could earn in their associated industries. That is, they didn't think hard enough about earning potentials when they were committing to their majors.

We see some evidence against this idea if we look at the tables I've been referencing. Two of the majors with the highest rates of growth have been healthcare and law enforcement. The number of people graduating with bachelor's degrees in "health professions and related programs" more than doubled, from 80,865 in 2005 to 216,228 in 2015. We can find another doubling in "homeland security, law enforcement, and firefighting," from 30,723 in 2005 to 62,723 in 2015. Haven't these rents-heavy and government-driven sectors been pretty big growth sectors in the last few years? If so, we can see that people have been responsive to market-driven demand for jobs.

(Sidenote: if we consider the pipeline of talent to be reflective of expectations of the economy, and if we consider

changes in the number of bachelor's degrees to be a good measure of this pipeline, then we see more evidence for Alex Tabarrok's view that we're becoming a [7] healthcare-warfare state rather than an innovation nation.)

In the meantime, I'm happy to point out that the number of people majoring in philosophy has slightly declined between 2005 to 2015, from 11,584 to 11,072. It's another sign that people are somewhat responsive to labor market demands. My view is that all the people who are smart enough to excel as a philosophy major are also smart enough not to actually pursue that major. (I can't claim to be so original here—Wittgenstein said he saw more philosophy in aerospace engineering than he did in philosophy.)

4. Immigrants are taking all the jobs . I submit there are two ways to see that immigrants aren't meeting all the marginal demand. First, most immigrants who come to the US to work are on the H1B visa; and that number has been capped at 65,000 every year since 2004. (There are other visa programs available, but the H1B is the main one, and it doesn't all go to software engineers.) Second, rising wages should be *prima facie* evidence that there's a shortage of labor. If immigrants have flooded the market, then we should see that wages have declined; that hasn't been the case.

To say that immigrants are discouraging people from majoring in CS requires arguing that students are acutely aware of the level of the H1B cap, expect that it will be lifted at some point in the near future, and therefore find it too risky to enter this field because they think they'll be competing with foreign workers on home soil. Maybe. But I don't think that students are so acutely sensitive to this issue.

5. Anti-women culture . Tech companies and CS departments have the reputation of being unfriendly to women. The NCES tables I'm looking at don't give a breakdown of majors by gender, so we can't tell if the shares of men and women majoring in CS has differed significantly from previous decades. One thing to note is that the growth of people earning CS majors has been far below the growth of either gender earning bachelor's degrees.

More women graduate from college than men. ([8] Data referenced in this paragraph comes from this table.

) In 1980, each gender saw about 465,000 new grads. Since then, many more women have earned degrees than men; in 2015, 812,669 men earned bachelor's degrees, while 1,082,265 women did. But since 2005, the growth rate for women earning bachelor's has not significantly outpaced that of men. 32.5 % more men earned bachelor's degrees in the previous decade, a slightly higher rate than 31.5 % for women. It remains significant that women are keeping that growth rate for over a higher base, but it may be that it's no longer the case that their growth can be much higher than that of men in the future.

What's important is that the growth rate of 30 % for both genders is below that of 10 % for CS majors over this time period. We can't pick out the breakdown of genders from this dataset, but I'd welcome suggestions on how to find those figures in the comments below.

6. Reactionary faculty . The market for developers isn't constrained by some guild like the American Medical Association, which caps the number of people who graduate from med schools in the name of quality control.

CS doesn't have the same kind of guild masters, unless we want to count faculty to be serving this function on their own. It could be that people serving on computer science faculties are contemptuous of people who want high pay and the tech life; instead they're looking for the theory-obsessed undergraduate who are as interested in say Turing and von Neumann as much as they are. So in response to a huge new demand for CS majors, they significantly raise standards, allowing no more than say 500 people to graduate if a decade ago only 450 did. Rather than cater to the demands of the market, they raise standards so that they're failing an even higher proportion of students to push them out of their lovely, pure, scholarly field.

I have no firsthand experience. To determine this as a causal explanation, we would have to look into how many more students have been graduating from individual departments relative to the number of people who were weeded out. The latter is difficult to determine, but it may be possible to track if particular departments have raised standards over the last few decades.

7. Anti-nerd culture . Nerds blow, right? Yeah, no doubt. But aren't the departments of math, physics, and engineering also filled with nerds, who can expect just as much social derision on the basis of their choice? That these fields have seen high growth when CS has not is evidence that people aren't avoiding all the uncool majors, only the CS one.

8. Skill mismatch and lack of training from startups . This is related but slightly different to my accusation that CS faculty are reactionaries. Perhaps all the professors are too theoretical and would never make it as coders at tech companies. Based on anecdotal evidence, I've seen that most startups are hesitant to hire fresh grads, instead they want people to have had some training outside of a college. One also hears that the 10X coders aren't that eager to train new talent; there isn't enough incentive for them to.

This is likely a factor, but I don't think it goes a great length in explaining why so few people commit to majoring in the field. Students see peers getting internships at big tech companies, and they don't necessarily know that their training is too theoretical. I submit that this realization should not deter; even if students do realize this, they might also know they can patch up their skills by attending a boot camp.

9. Quality gradient . Perhaps students who graduate from one of the top 50 CS departments have an easy time finding a job, but those who graduate from outside that club have a harder time. But this is another one of those explanations that attributes a greater degree of sophistication than the average freshman can be observed to possess. Do students have an acute sense of the quality gradient between the best and the rest? Why is the marginal student not drawn to study CS at a top school, and why would a top student not want to study CS at a non-top school, especially if he or she can find boot camps and MOOCs to bolster learning? I would not glance at what students do and immediately derive that they're hyperrational creatures.

10. Psychological burn from the dotcom bubble . Have people been deeply scarred by the big tech bubble? It bursted in 2001; if CS majors who went through it experienced a long period of difficulty, then it could be the case that they successfully warned off younger people from majoring in it. To prove this, we'd have to see if people who graduated after the bubble did have a hard time, and if college students are generally aware of the difficulties experienced by graduates from previous years.

11. No pipeline issues anymore . In 2014, the number of people majoring in CS surpassed the figure in 2005, the previous peak. In 2015, that figure was higher still. And based on anecdotal evidence, it seems like there are many more people taking CS intro classes than ever before. 2014 corresponds to four years after *The Social Network* movie came out; that did seem to make people more excited for startups, so perhaps tech wasn't as central then as it seems now.

I like to think of *The Social Network* as the *Liar's Poker* of the tech world: An intended cautionary tale of an industry that instead hugely glamorized it to the wrong people. The Straussian reading of these two works, of course, is that *Liar's Poker* and *The Social Network* had every intention to glamorize their respective industries; the piously-voiced regrets by their creators are absolutely not to be believed.

Even if the pipeline is bursting today, the puzzle is why high wages and the cultural centrality of Silicon Valley have not drawn in more people in the previous decade. Anyone who offers an argument also has to explain why things are different today than in 2005. Perhaps I've overstated how cool tech was before 2010

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Thinking of Quitting Information Technology (2020-02-27 20:02)

1: Stress

Don't let anyone ever tell you that a career in IT is easy going. It's a rare occasion that someone will have a job in the IT field where there isn't stress. Remember, IT is *disaster management*. When a client or user calls you, it's almost always an emergency that must be taken care of immediately. And when you are working on those jobs, you had better get everything right, as failure could cost you a contract or a job. What makes this worse is that the stress rarely lets up. Every minute of the day, you are working and working harder than you might expect.

2: Hours

If you want a Monday through Friday, 9-to-5 job, look elsewhere – IT seems to be a job you carry around with you 24/7. Not only do you put in more hours in the office (or the field) than your average professional, you also have to work outside the office to keep your skills up and make sure you're better than the guy standing next to you. And the people who aren't your clients or users (friends and family, for example) will want to take advantage of your knowledge and keep their computers running smoothly for free.

3: Getting paid

If you are an independent contractor, one of the most stressful issues you face is getting paid. I can't tell you how many consultants I know who have had to make threats or use an attorney to get paid. And when you're freelancing, if they don't pay you, you don't eat. That is some serious stress there. You don't have the advantage of having that regular check coming in weekly or biweekly. Honing your interpersonal skills is key to keeping those relationships as good as possible. Good relationships (even with not-so-good people) will go a long way to make sure you do eventually get paid.

4: People (in general)

This one I hate to mention. A long time ago, I was a positive, upbeat, people-loving kind of person. But after being in the consulting business, I've found myself getting taken advantage of, used, abused, unpaid, underpaid, unappreciated, and more. It's a constant fight to resist wanting to retreat to the woods and off the grid. That is not to say that people, in general, are bad. It's just that when you have your IT hat on, people seem to look at you in a different light. You are both savior and sinner in one stressed-out package.

5: The chain of command

Let's face it. Not many higher-ups understand your job. They think you should be able to get everything done on a shoestring budget, with no help, and you should treat end users as if they were better humans than yourself. And to make matters worse, the higher-ups want you to magically make those PCs last for more than a decade. This misunderstanding of both duty and technology does one thing: It makes your job impossible. When the powers-that-be begin to micromanage your department for you, every single bad element is exacerbated. You know your job and you know you know your job. Management does not know your job, but they don't know they don't know your job. It's all a vicious Mobius strip of stress.

6: Technology

Have you ever had one of those days when it seems like the whole of technology has rebelled against you and it looks like the singularity might very well be on the horizon? Those days will have you wishing you were walking out of the building with your belongings in a cardboard box. This has been one of the issues I have had to deal with since working with a consultancy that deals primarily with Windows clients. It seems that entropy has a strong hold on the Windows operating system, and every day is a battle to keep PCs and systems working. Some days you win that battle, some days you lose it. The days you win are always lost in the pile of days you lose.

7: Competition

One thing you can count on – there will always be someone better than you. But in the IT industry, it isn't a 1:1 ratio. Instead, it seems that for every one of you there are one hundred IT pros who are smarter, faster, and better equipped. That ratio is quickly realized in dollar signs. Remember, the IT landscape is constantly changing, and if you can't keep up, you may not be hired or remain employed. The longer I am in this business, the more I realize it's a young person's game. Being as agile as necessary, being able to work the necessary hours... it all adds up. I'm not saying us older folks can't run with the pack. We can. But every day we work is another day even more competition

is added to the field, and the competition is fierce.

8: The cloud

Every time I hear an actor on TV speak the phrase "to the cloud" I want to pull out my hair and kick in the television. The cloud has been one of those aspects of IT whose definition has been, and probably always will be, in flux. What exactly is the cloud? Should I be using it? Is the cloud safe? How much does the cloud cost? I get hit with these questions all the time. Generally, I just answer by asking the clients if they've used Google Docs before. If they say "yes," I tell them they are already using the cloud. But that is never satisfying. Clients and end users want the cloud to be some magical experience that will make all their work easier, better, and faster. If only they knew the truth.

9: Lack of standards

Our lives would be infinitely better if some sort of standards could be applied, across the board, in IT. Many open source projects have done everything they can to achieve a set of standards, only to be knocked down by proprietary software. Those proprietary software vendors want to keep their code closed and not compliant with standards so they can keep their bottom line as padded as possible. I get that, I really do. But while they are refusing to conform to any sort of standard, they are causing end users and IT pros any number of horrendous headaches on a daily basis. There is no reason why standards can't be followed without preventing proprietary software vendors from making a killing.

10: Respect

The general public has a bad taste in its mouth for IT professionals. Why? There are many reasons. They've been burned before. They've been ripped off before. They've had consultants who only seemed to want to sell them bigger and better things. So long has this gone on, and so jaded has the public become, that IT pros have a hard time earning respect. Oh sure, when they see you walk in the door you are their best friend... for the moment. But the minute you get that one "impending doom" issue resolved, it's time to go off on you or insist you do more than they hired you to do (or more than you have time to do).

11: No Social Media perks and no friendships in nepotism culture

The I have material collections including CDs, books, DVDs, Blurays, a car, videogames. I didn't get comments or attention of my material stuff. No comments. No recognition. Very few mall trips, MLB gatherings, NFL gatherings, pub gatherings, no friendships in nepotism world.

Thinking about quitting?

Are the downsides of working in IT starting to outweigh the positive aspects of your job? What career would you pursue if you left IT? Share your thoughts with other TechRepublic members

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Finish the Wall (2020-03-04 00:55)

The senator was adamant.

"People should not have to force the federal government to live up to our responsibilities to enforce our borders and our laws. Period," she said.

"We do not have the luxury of debating this issue for another two years or four years," she added. "Rather we have the responsibility to take action now."

She wanted the government to enforce the border and the laws against employing illegal immigrants.

"Illegal immigration, however, is a matter of law enforcement," she said. "Whether it is enforcing our borders, enforcing our laws against working illegally or hiring someone to work illegally."

"It is the federal government's responsibility to enforce these laws," she insisted.

Yet, just three years into office, this senator seemed to have lost faith in Washington's commitment to that responsibility.

"Unfortunately," she said, "this job has not been done well over the years, and the prohibitions against illegal immigration, while on the books, have meant very little in reality.

"The cost of the failure to act on this responsibility has been very high," she said.

Was this the Senate's version of President Donald Trump? Who was this firebrand?

It was Sen. Dianne Feinstein – the former Democratic mayor of San Francisco, who was first elected to the Senate in 1992.

On Sept. 30, 1996, Feinstein stood on the Senate floor and – in the words cited above – advocated enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act.

It called for a triple fence along the U.S.-Mexico border south of San Diego.

On May 1, 1996, Feinstein had given a floor speech advocating an amendment she and fellow Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer of California had offered for this bill.

"Earlier I sent an amendment to the desk on behalf of Senator Boxer and myself which relates to the triple fencing of the Southwest border, particularly in the vicinity of San Diego and Mexico," Feinstein said.

"Essentially, the language would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million for the construction, expansion, improvement, and deployment of triple fencing," she explained.

The final version of Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act included language specifically authorizing this triple fence to protect the border in Feinstein's home state.

It required the attorney general (who was then responsible for border security), to "provide for the construc-

tion along 14 miles of the international border of the United States, starting at the Pacific Ocean and extending eastward, of second and third fences, in addition to the existing reinforced fence, and for roads between the fences."

President Bill Clinton signed this into law.

But just because the law commanded it, did not mean the government would do it.

"Environmental concerns and litigation resulted in significant delays in fulfilling this requirement," the Congressional Research Service explained in a 2017 report. "Over eight years after IIRIRA was enacted, the DHS had not completed the fencing project."

So, in 2006, Congress enacted the Secure Fence Act. This reduced the number of layers in the required border fence from three to two but vastly expanded the number of miles it was required to cover.

"CBP estimated that covered roughly 850 miles," said the Congressional Research Service.

Two years later, in an appropriations act, Congress amended the fence law again. This time, it reduced the number of layers from two to one, reduced the length of mandated fence from 850 miles to "not less than 700 miles" and gave the secretary of Homeland Security discretion over where it should be built.

The law also did not specify the architecture of the fence. So, the Department of Homeland Security built some "fencing" that was not designed to stop people from crossing the border.

"Some disagreement has arisen over DHS's use of 'vehicle fencing' to satisfy IIRIRA's fencing requirements," said the Congressional Research Service report. "Vehicle fencing is a type of barrier designed to inhibit the illegal crossing of vehicles into the United States, but not pedestrians."

Five days after he took office, Trump reinvigorated the effort to build a border barrier. He issued an executive order that said: "It is the policy of the executive branch to: secure the southern border of the United States through the immediate construction of a physical wall on the southern border, monitored and supported by adequate personnel so as to prevent illegal immigration."

This Republican president in 2017 sounded a bit like Dianne Feinstein in 1996.

"The nearly \$4.5 billion in appropriations provided by Congress for border barrier planning and construction since the signing of the E.O. exceeds the amount provided for those purposes from FY 2007 to FY 2016 combined by almost \$2 billion," the Congressional Research Service said in a report published this January.

Even so, this was merely a modest down payment on enforcing the laws Feinstein had called out the government for not enforcing – almost a quarter-century ago.

In fiscal 2006, the year Congress enacted the Secure Fence Act, the Border Patrol apprehended 1,071,972 deportable aliens illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

By fiscal 2017, the year Trump took office, total apprehensions had dropped to 303,916.

In fiscal 2019, they climbed back to 851,508.

At the end of fiscal 2019, according to the Border Patrol, there were 654 total miles of "primary" barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border. Of these, 374 miles would stop pedestrians, and 280 miles would stop vehicles; 37

had a "secondary" pedestrian fence; and 14 had a "tertiary" pedestrian fence.

The full border is 1,954 miles long.

Trump needs to keep fighting the Washington establishment to build his border wall and establish for history that he meant what he said when he beat that establishment in the 2016 election.

When All Else Fails, Democrats Resurrect the Russia Trump Collusion Hoax (2020-03-04 01:02)

Since Donald Trump was elected in 2016, Democrats in Congress, their voters, and the anti-Trumpers have spent the last three years trying to delegitimize his administration with their phony smear that Trump colluded with Russia to win. Over and over, they have peddled this false narrative, trying to get more mileage out of this dead horse.

There is no evidence that Trump colluded. Zero. Yet it hasn't stopped Democrats from trying to make it stick. They spent two years on a witch hunt that spent millions of dollars and wasted the nation's time chasing a ghost. They knew it was a scam. But they also knew that

what mattered was raw politics—using anything to get rid of Trump outside of the electoral process. Keep in mind that Robert Mueller's investigation in his 448-page report never established that Trump's campaign conspired with Russia during the election. That still does not matter. The phony narrative alone was damaging enough. It was repeated and propagated by every liberal media outlet obsessively for two years while Trump had to fight the lie to keep it from sticking.

And now what? No collusion, but here we go again with the resurrection of the phony Russia collusion nonsense. If you recall, I said after it was proven that there was no Russian collusion that we had not heard the end of this political mischief. I know Democrats. There is no getting rid of them completely. They never give up. They never quit. I warned that Democrats would try to get additional mileage out of the Russia collusion hoax.

Recently, leaks have appeared, and news cycles again claim that Russia is trying to help President Trump win in 2020. Still, no evidence. However, a few troubling things are emerging about these accusations. First, this information was leaked out of a classified briefing to members of Congress. Yes, classified. One news story pointed out that a Democrat lawmaker in the room told Vox's Alex Ward that, "the evidence was very compelling that Moscow favored Trump." The story also said that "it was not clear what specific steps, if any, US intelligence officials think Russia may be taking to help Trump." Yes, no specifics. Another point written in the Vox story said that "while details about the exact nature of Russia meddling remain unclear, there is good reason to believe the reports—despite lingering questions. Oh really.

Democrat members of Congress immediately jumped in. Senator Sherrod Brown, without a stitch of evidence, claims that Trump is colluding with Russia to help his reelection. Jerry Nadler now wants more investigation of political interference by President Trump in the Justice Department.

Since Barack Obama became president, our intelligence agencies and investigative agencies have become infected with politics. Leaks are now a frequent occurrence of information that is supposed to be confidential, classified, and top secret. Politicizing intelligence is extremely dangerous and very troubling. Integrity in our intelligence agencies and officials is vital to maintain trust and credibility. They get to operate in so much secrecy. The American people never know what they are doing. We blindly trust them, and congressional oversight is lacking. Recall this blind trust of these intelligence officials led a FISC judge to accept the Steele dossier to obtain wiretap approval of the Trump presidential campaign in 2016. These leaks could deter other allied intelligence agencies like the UK MI6 or Israel's Mossad from sharing critical information out of fear that they may be outed as the source. Maybe about an impending attack, for instance. Shameful.

Confidential information must not be discussed or referenced by anybody briefed in a confidential hearing. As a former sheriff, I know a thing or two about intelligence reports, the stages involved in the process, intelligence briefings, and how intelligence is used. Intelligence and reports generated are estimates about the future. Opposing intel views

are supposed to be included to prevent the decision-maker from being steered to decide by a person with a vested interest in what decision should be made. They are a compilation of bits and pieces of information that may reveal a picture. Intel reports identify enemies, their intentions, and their capability of carrying out an attack. These reports are used by a decision-maker, like the president, that action by him may be necessary.

Another interesting observation is that US officials informed the Bernie Sanders campaign about Russian efforts to aid his campaign. When the FBI had information about Russia attempting to infiltrate the Trump campaign, Trump was not afforded that courtesy. Instead, the FBI used it to obtain a wiretap and put a plant inside the Trump campaign. Why the double standard?

Trump is a fighter. He understands what is going on here. When he recently ousted Joseph Maguire from the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) post, I smiled. Maguire went around the president in briefing Congress. Maguire can't be trusted. When serving the president, trust is the vital virtue. Maguire should have told the president what he would brief Congress about. The criticism about Trump's choice to be the next DNI, Richard Grenell, is the typical dribble that comes from swamp dwellers when another swamp creature isn't selected. Saying he is not qualified is a dog-whistle for saying that he's not one of them. That is a good sign. Trump needs someone he can trust.

The DNI post was created out of the 9-11 Commission report to bring cohesion and eliminate stove pipes within the intelligence community's 17 different agencies that were working separately and not sharing information before 9/11. Grenell will have the added and more difficult task of getting these agencies out of the business of politics.

So brace yourselves for another Russia collusion hoax. The only way to stop this is at the ballot box. Get ready for November because the swamp draining is not complete

I'm done supporting local businesses ~ you sucked me dry! (2020-03-04 15:54)

In my teens and 20s, I used to spend all my money on department stores, game stores buying everything like clothes, dvds, videogames and none online. That was up until 2011-2012. Stores used to price gouge and I used to buy at full retail in my 20s. So supported local community stores for 15 years from 1998-2012. Stores had me for a decade out of high school. Sorry, I'm low on cash. It's not that I was always on Amazon or Ebay spending my money, its just extra disposable income got a ton smaller since 2012. I have to budget my money better now. I'm approaching middle age now. There is age discrimination now.

I'm basically done with it all. I won't let the stores suck my savings dry, because some yahoo next to me did it. I was also burned by no connections from the stores I loved. One stupid thing after another.

Except I'll still probably go to the grocery store, gas station,

Bernie Sanders a Leninist Communist (2020-03-05 21:29)

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Sanders, a Vermont senator who describes himself as a democratic socialist and is seeking the Democratic Party presidential nomination, wants to “make people who are billionaires lower than billionaires,” Cramer said Wednesday on “Squawk on the Street.”

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Cramer spoke Wednesday before the Sanders campaign revealed that the senator was recovering from an artery blockage procedure. All Sanders campaign events and appearances have been canceled until further notice.

Meanwhile, the Sanders campaign was not immediately available to respond to CNBC’s request for comment on Cramer’s remarks.

In making a “Leninist” comparison, Cramer was referring to Vladimir Lenin, the Russian revolutionary and leader, who created the Soviet Union and contributed to the concept and practice of a state-controlled economy.

Analyzing the current political climate, Cramer pointed out that impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump could imperil his reelection, which then begs the question of who among the Democratic presidential candidates have a chance of winning. Sanders cannot be discounted, the “Mad Money” host added.

Sanders, who polls in third place behind former Vice President Joe Biden and Warren, has raised the more money in the third quarter, over \$25 million, than any of the other 2020 Democratic candidates who’ve reported their numbers. Biden and Warren have not disclosed their Q3 haul yet.

“I’m not as fearful of Elizabeth Warren as Wall Street is,” Cramer reiterated Wednesday, a day after he said that fears of Warren among banking and corporate CEOs are “getting overblown.”

“I want to stop the fear of Sen. Warren. I really think that’s a mistake,” Cramer also said Tuesday. Last month, Cramer first reported that he’s hearing the financial community saying, “She’s got to be stopped

Bernie Sanders, the Last Jewish Bolshevik. (2020-03-05 21:34)

For anyone who spent at least some part of their sentient years in the former Soviet Union, listening to [1]Bernie Sanders delivering his sermons brings a sense of unsettling *déjà vu*.

The style of his rhetoric, the cadence of his speech, his choice of words from the hardcore Marxist vocabulary, his Leninist polemical style, his grotesquely nonsensical grandiose plans maddens the listener.\

All of that, like a magic carpet, takes you back through the decades to the world we all hoped would be remembered only by the old timers, as material in history books serving as a cautionary lesson for the future generations.

Bernie gesticulating from the Democratic Party hopefuls podium reminds us of Lenin from innumerable Soviet movies about the Bolshevik Revolution. His popularity infuriates us, the few remaining survivors of the most brutal social experiment in human history.

Yet I personally - and many friends with a similar background - are surprised to find a soft spot for that old crazy revolutionary. I may laugh at Bernie. I may mock him and call him names. But I cannot get angry at him. Last election I started asking myself: Why?

The answer is difficult and simple at the same time. For every Jewish family in the old Soviet Empire had one member we can call Boris. He (though it could as easily be her) was a dedicated and forever faithful party member. Nothing could change his beliefs in the true path of the Party, and the holiness of its leaders. Boris was a man of faith and, as such, could not be swayed by pitiful reality.

A hundred years ago Jewish boys and girls from Pinsk, Minks, Dvinsk and Glupsk joined the Revolution. A century and a half of Tsarist persecutions, culminating in the pogroms, formed their entire world view. There could be nothing worse than the regime they were about to crash and burn, and nothing better than the new world of absolute equality of people and nations.

They abandoned their religious studies in the yeshivot of the Pale of Settlement and other institutions of higher education. They replaced one unbreakable faith with another, and left behind forever all vestiges of their past: their religion, their family ties, their heritage, their history. They changed their names: Berel became Boris.

To admit the Revolution failed was to say their absolute sacrifice for the cause was in vain. They and the Revolution were one and the same.

First Lenin, and then Stalin, were their Gods. Uncle Boris would read "Pravda" and discover the truth in its every single sentence.

But as with today's Bernie, Uncle Boris of yesteryear had no familiarity with the world he was about to flip upside down. Boris knew about the Russian peasant and his hardships from Tolstoy and Nekrasov. Bernie knows about the "inequalities" of today's America from the New York Times and the mass rallies of spoiled well-to-do's he holds across the country.

\ 2020 US Democratic Presidential hopeful US Senator for Vermont Bernie Sanders speaks on-stage during the Democratic National Committee's summer meeting in San Francisco, California on August 23, 2019

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As Uncle Boris, back in his youth, managed to infect many unsuspecting Russians with his revolutionary influenza, so has Bernie poisoned the minds of the young and naive. They are both Jewish "prophets": they pretend to possess the ultimate truth, and every lost argument just makes their convictions stronger.

Indeed, Bernie is that last living link that connects the 21st century Jewish present with the events of the early 20th. He is Trotsky riding his military train through the Russian steppe, only to be suddenly transported through time and space into present-day America. The train's gear may be lost but the message and the fervent pitch of the Red Army commander is still intact.

You don't need to go to the library to find a history book about all the mistakes the Jews made in the 20th century. You only need to listen to Bernie's speeches. He is a living encyclopedia of all the most catastrophic decisions made by Jews. It is sad and fascinating how Churchill never comes back from the dead, but Trotsky does.

When I hear Bernie speak, I start shouting at the TV screen. Although I am watching Bernie, in reality I am screaming at Uncle Boris. I am incensed with his naivete, orthodoxy, religiosity, self-righteousness and a fair amount of masochism.

I am angry with him because even after spending his entire life talking about the good and defending the evil he is still unable to see the truth. And after millions of innocents slaughtered, he is unable to admit even one mistake.

Still, even as I rage, somewhere deep inside me there is a tiny bit of warmth for that last Jewish Bolshevik. Indeed, he is the last Boris – and this is a family affair.

Bernie is the world we all hoped had long gone, yet he is resurrecting, in front of our eyes, the terrifying ghosts of yesteryear, evil packaged as nostalgia and a blazing pursuit of "justice."

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Is This How Europe Ends? (2020-03-10 17:17)

"Fortress Europe is an illusion."

So declares the Financial Times in the closing line of its Saturday editorial: "Europe Cannot Ignore Syrian Migrant Crisis."

The FT undertakes to instruct the Old Continent on what its duty is and what its future holds: "The EU will face flows of migrants and asylum seekers across the Mediterranean for decades to come."

Can Europe not repel this unwanted home invasion from the Global South?

It is "delusional" to think so, says the FT. Europe must be realistic and set about "providing legal routes for migrants and asylum seekers."

What occasioned the editorial was Greece's rough resistance to Turkish President Erdogan's funneling of thousands of Syrian refugees, who had fled into Turkey, right up to the border with Greece.

Erdogan is threatening to inundate southeastern Europe with Syrian refugees to extract more money from the EU in return for keeping the 3.5 million Syrians already in Turkey away from EU frontiers.

Another Erdogan objective is to coerce Europe into backing his military intervention in Syria to prevent President Bashar Assad from capturing all of Idlib province and emerging victorious in his civil war.

In the human rights hellhole that is Syria today, we may see the dimensions of the disaster wrought when Wilsonian crusaders set out to depose the dictator Assad and make Syria safe for democracy.

When the Arab Spring erupted and protesters arose to oust Assad, the U.S., Turkey and the Gulf Arabs aided and equipped Syrian rebels willing to take up arms. The "good rebels," however, were routed and elements of al-Qaida soon assumed dominance of the resistance.

Facing defeat, Syria's president put out a call to his allies – Russia, Iran, Hezbollah – to save his regime. They responded, and Assad, over four years, recaptured all of Syria west of the Euphrates, save Idlib.

There, the latest fighting has pushed 900,000 more refugees to Turkey's southern border.

The 21st-century interventions and wars of the West in the Islamic world have not gone well.

George W. Bush was goaded into invading Iraq. Barack Obama was persuaded to overthrow Colonel Moammar Gadhafi in Libya and the Assad regime in Damascus. Obama ordered U.S. forces to assist Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in his war to crush Houthi rebels who had ousted Riyadh's resident puppet in Yemen.

And what has the West reaped from our Mideast wars?

In Syria and Yemen, we have helped to create two of the world's greatest human rights disasters. In Libya, we have a new civil war. In Iraq, we now battle Iran for influence inside a nation we "liberated" in 2003.

In Afghanistan, we have concluded a deal with our enemy of two decades, the Taliban, that will enable us to pull our 12,000 troops out of the country in 14 months and let our Afghan allies work it out, or fight it out, with the Taliban. America is washing its hands of its longest war.

In five wars over 20 years, we lost 7,000 soldiers with some 40,000 wounded. We plunged the wealth of an empire into these wars.

And what did these wars produce for the peoples we went to aid and uplift, besides hundreds of thousands of dead Afghans and Arabs and millions of people uprooted from their homes and driven into exile?

Now, Europe is being admonished by the FT that, having done its duty by plunging into the Mideast, the continent has a new moral duty to take in the refugees the wars created, for decades to come.

But if the EU opens its doors to an endless stream of Africans and Arabs, where is the evidence that European nations will accept and assimilate them?

Will these migrants and asylum seekers become good Europeans? Or will they create in the great cities of Europe enclaves that replicate the conditions in the African and Middle East countries whence they came?

The history of the last half millennium tells the story of the rise and fall of a civilization.

In the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, Spain, Britain, France and Portugal, and then Belgium, Italy, Germany and America, all believing in the superiority of their civilization, went out into the world to create empires to uplift and rule what Rudyard Kipling derisively called "the lesser breeds without the law."

After two world wars, the rulers of these empires embraced a liberalism that now proclaimed the equality of all peoples, races, creeds, cultures and civilizations. This egalitarian ideology mandated the dismantling of empires and colonies as the reactionary relics of a benighted time.

Now the peoples of the new nations, dissatisfied with what their liberated lands and rulers have produced, have decided to come to Europe to enjoy in the West what they cannot replicate at home. And liberalism, the ideology of Western suicide, dictates to Europe that it take them in – for decades to come.

The colonizers of yesterday are becoming the colonized of tomorrow. Is this how the West ends

Joe Biden Is an Angry Old Man Who Doesn't Like You (2020-03-11 13:13)

Well, so much for the "Joe Biden is such a nice guy, he'll bring back civility to the political discourse" argument.

Just hours before he declared a "revival of decency and honor and character" during his Michigan primary victory speech, he berated a Michigander as a "horse's a**" who was "full of s**t" for accurately quoting the presidential candidate's position on gun restrictions.

The interaction with a UAW member named Jerry Wayne is illustrative of multiple facets of the presumptive Democratic nominee for president, including his inability to recall his own position on something as critical as gun control. Or, perhaps, it demonstrates his blatant lies about his position on the matter. After all, Wayne cited that he wants to take guns away, and Biden did, in fact, affirm that fact to Anderson Cooper in an interview in August.

COOPER: So, to gun owners out there who say, well, a Biden administration means they're going to come for my guns?

BIDEN: Bingo. You're right if you have an assault weapon.

There are multiple disconcerting moments in the video like this one. Moments that display Biden's ability to lie to a voter's face, bully a voter with physical threats, throw profanities at a voter who challenges his positions and his aggressive "shushing" of a female campaign staffer trying to mitigate the damage of the confrontation. We could breakdown any one of these moments to illustrate Biden's mendacity or his possible mental instability.

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But, there is one over-riding takeaway from this exchange that not only meshes with other unfortunate encounters Biden's had on the campaign trail with everyday American voters ("look fat," "You're a lying, dog-faced pony soldier," etc.). And, this takeaway also meshes with his behavior as a U.S. Senator and as vice president over the past several decades.

It's this: Joe Biden is an angry man who just doesn't like you.

I know the mainstream media characterization of Joe Biden is that he's just an amiable, happy guy who everybody gets along with, and that may be true as it pertains to his fellow senators and members of the media with whom Biden wishes to curry favor. But his direct interaction with voters, especially voters who dare to question or God forbid challenge the former vice president, indicates that he has very little regard for our opinions or beliefs and, for that matter, our knowledge of the facts and issues that matter most to us.

This is not new.

Most American political observers cite the Robert Bork confirmation hearings as a turning point in modern political relations and behavior in Washington, D.C. The hearings represent a moment when a certain respect, collegiality, and deference was burned in a dumpster fire and left on the side of the road. The Bork hearings marked the beginning of the modern, cage-match style of D.C. politics where anything goes and any accusation can be hurled at a person, no matter how despicable or thinly supported by facts.

Joe Biden was the leader of the Bork inquisition. He is responsible for it and every other atrocious display of character assassination disguised as "advice and consent" ever since.

Before Bork, nominees for the Supreme Court, or any job on the federal bench, or for any cabinet position for that matter, were valued and respected if they had a long paper trail of decisions and experience and a documented track record of achievement. Because of Biden's behavior as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee overseeing the Bork confirmation, experience, track record and achievement is no longer valued, it is avoided.

Biden and his inquisitors ruthlessly combed through every line of Bork's writings and twisted his words to distort his views and his life's work. They bullied him at the hearings and treated him with contempt. Biden led the way. Just as he did several years later at the Clarence Thomas hearings.

You think Biden is a nice guy? Ask Clarence Thomas. Ask Robert Bork's family. Ask them how nice "lunch bucket Joe" is.

In 2012, one of his former aides, Jeff Connaughton, wrote a tell-all book describing Biden as an "egomaniacal

autocrat" who was "determined to manage his staff through fear." That's not typical in Washington. There are a lot of jerks in this town, but it's rare for a former staffer to tell the world, in writing, about all the jerky things congressmen, senators, and presidents do. The fact that Connaughton did tells you something.

Watch some of the old videos of Biden's conduct as a senator on C-SPAN. It's enlightening. His attitude is imperious, condescending and arrogant, but always to those who dare to challenge or question him. He's happy-go-lucky "Uncle Joe" as long as you give him the deference he's sure you owe him. But if you dare to stand up to him, he's in your face.

I know, I know. Trump has some of the same characteristics. I know, Trump also uses foul language and can come across as belligerent. I know, people have written books and said what a monster Trump can be or has been in his decades in the business world. I know. Fine.

But Biden is running for president as some sort of "healer." He wants you to think that he's a kind man who is ready to bring our nation together, but his history (as well as his current behavior) informs us that he is everything but what he is claiming to be.

Do your own research. Check the archives yourself. See what kind of man Biden is. Go ahead. He has a long paper trail. And, just as Biden destroyed Robert Bork by combing through his vast record, perhaps it would be poetic justice to use the same tactic against Biden the bully

Government Outlaws Freelance Work (2020-03-11 13:21)

Freelance jobs are "feudalism," says California Assemblywoman

Lorena Gonzalez.

She persuaded California's legislature to pass a new law reclassifying freelance workers as employees. That means many people who hire them must now give them benefits like overtime, unemployment insurance, etc. Politicians said it would help freelancers a lot.

Of course, much of the media agreed. Vox called it "a victory for workers everywhere"!

Sigh. Young reporters just don't understand that stifling economic freedom always creates nasty side effects.

Actually, more understand now, because they got a very personal lesson. Once the bill passed, Vox media cut hundreds of freelance writing jobs.

When Gonzalez was asked if she felt bad about that, she sneered, those weren't "real jobs."

The arrogance of politicians! People choose jobs. Freelancers like flexibility. Politicians have no right to say certain jobs aren't good enough.

"You're thinking you're helping us, but you're not," says musician Ari Herstand in my new video. He says the anti gig-work law could "crash the California music economy."

Why? Before the law passed, if he played a gig where he'd hire a drummer, bassist and guitar player, "I just cut (each) a check for \$200. Now, I have to take that drummer, put him on payroll, W2 him, get workers' comp

insurance, unemployment insurance. I have to pay payroll taxes. I also have to now hire a payroll company."

All to hire musicians for one just night. The paperwork alone might cost more than the music.

The anti-gig-work law originally targeted rideshare companies like Uber and Lyft, because unions claimed the companies abuse drivers.

But now many rideshare drivers are upset because the law takes away their freedom.

"I liked being independent!" said one. "I don't want a boss to tell me when or where to drive."

Herstand says Uber and Lyft drivers would often tell him: "I'm a photographer and this is my fourth side gig. I want to do this when I want to do this, and if now I'm an employee, and I'm W2'd, they're going to dictate my hours. I don't want that. (The law is) preventing us from doing what we want to do."

The law upset independent truck drivers, too. After some nosily drove big rigs in front of the legislature, they got an exemption from the law. Other politically connected professions, like lawyers and realtors, got exemptions as well.

Now Herstand's working on getting an exemption for musicians, too.

"Why is that good law?" I asked him. "An exception for whoever is clever enough to get to the politicians?"

"It's definitely not the solution," laughed Herstand. "'Write us out of this law and help us out? Here's money for your next campaign.' No, that doesn't seem like that's a way to legislate."

But that's how it's often done. The more rules politicians pass, the more money they extract from people who are regulated.

Now other politicians want to copy California's law. New York, New Jersey and Illinois have their own versions of gig economy bills. The House of Representatives wants to nationalize the law. And, this week, Democratic front-runner Joe Biden cluelessly said such a law "will give workers the dignity they deserve."

Democrats do what unions ask them to do. Politico points out that just a few years ago, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo called gig work "a great service for people, giving people jobs. I don't think government should be in the business of trying to restrict job growth." He even joked that Uber drivers might earn more than he does.

But now he wants to outlaw most gig work and calls it "exploitive, abusive!"

It's no surprise that Gonzalez's biggest political donors are unions. She talks a lot about "protecting our union jobs." But now that her bill is killing jobs, she wouldn't agree to an interview.

Neither would the California unions, or any of 75 law professors, political scientists, sociologists, etc., who published a letter in support of the law.

Yes, we contacted all 75.

Herstand says that's because the law now embarrasses its supporters, but politicians won't repeal it because "no politician ever wants to admit they did something wrong"

Three Reasons Joe Biden Will Never Be President (2020-03-11 13:23)

Joe Biden was sworn into the United States Senate on Jan. 3, 1973. He remained in the Senate until Jan. 15, 2009 – a span of 36 years. If

history is any guide, that alone is a disqualifier in Biden's quest for the White House.

What does 36 years in the Senate say about a politician? It says he is a senator – not a president.

So the first reason Biden will not become president is that no one who served 36 years in the Senate has ever become president. No one who served 30 years in the Senate has ever become president. No one who served 25 years in the Senate has ever become president. No one who served 20 years in the Senate has ever become president. No one who served 15 years in the Senate has ever become president.

It's not for lack of trying. Bob Dole, who was sworn into the Senate on Jan. 3, 1969, ran for president 27 years later, in 1996. He quit the Senate during the campaign to show his determination to become president. But his long years in the chamber, plus his age – he was 73 at the time and the subject of endless suggestions that he was too old to be president – were a deal-killer for voters.

Others tried, too. In 2008, John McCain ran for president after 21 years in the Senate. It didn't work. In 2004, John Kerry ran for president after 19 years in the Senate. That didn't work, either.

A long career in the Senate is simply not a foundation for a successful run for the White House. The most recent political figure to realize that was Barack Obama, who was sworn into the Senate in 2005 and two years later was running for the presidency – and to get out of the Senate.

OK, put aside the Senate, Biden's supporters would say. What about his eight years as vice president? Certainly that could be the basis for a successful presidential run. But the second reason Biden will not become president is that the record of vice presidents on that score is not encouraging.

Fourteen vice presidents have become president. Of those, eight became president upon the death of the president. Of that group, some were later elected to the White House, but they were running for the office as the sitting president.

Others, like George H.W. Bush, became president by succeeding the president they served. They won the presidency as the sitting vice president. When Bush did that, in 1988, it had not been done since 1836. It has not been done since.

In any event, that is not Biden's situation. He served eight years as vice president, but did not run to succeed President Obama. Now, he is running as a private citizen.

Only one president has gone from the vice presidency to private life and then to the presidency. Richard Nixon served as vice president in the 1950s, narrowly lost the 1960 presidential election, and then came back to win the presidency in 1968. That is Biden's hope – that a vice president can leave office and then, after a period outside government, return to win the White House.

Perhaps. But Nixon, who spent less than three years in the Senate, became vice president a few days after turning 40, and was sworn in as president at 56 – more than two decades younger than Biden, who will be 78 on Inauguration Day 2021.

Finally, the third reason Biden will not be president is the "14-Year Rule." The idea of former George W. Bush

speechwriter John McConnell, and popularized by writer Jonathan Rauch, it basically says that politicians have a strict sell-by date. "No one gets elected president who needs longer than 14 years to get from his or her first gubernatorial or Senate victory to either the presidency or the vice presidency," Rauch wrote. That has been true for a century.

Biden didn't even get close. It took him 36 years to get from his first Senate victory to the vice presidency. If he wins the presidency now, it would be 47 years from that first Senate swearing-in until Inauguration Day.

Of course, it's possible the 14-Year Rule, the Too Long in the Senate Rule, and the How Vice Presidents Become President Rule might all be wrong in Biden's case. If so, he can frame this headline and hang it somewhere in the White House. But don't bet on it

Telling a young person to 'Just get a job' is like going to the Sahara and yelling 'Just rain!' (2020-03-14 21:03)

In a society where it's considered rude to answer "yes" to the question "Does anyone want the last scone?" (especially if they're at the next table, I've learned), it's amazing how many people will happily go up to a young jobseeker, pick up their last shred of self-esteem and dunk it in their tea until it disintegrates into soggy clumps. My year spent blogging joblessness landed me a job, and doctorate-level knowledge of what not to say to a jobless youngster. "Get a job" Get Society Weekly: our newsletter for public service professionals Read more Today's youth has spent years chasing qualifications no one ever asks us about. The notion that algebra would ever be useful seemed fishy, but the grownups insisted: education, no matter how apparently arbitrary, leads to jobs. But the minute we graduated, something switched in employers' heads. The same generation who had us sit Sats and the 11-plus and the 12-plus and Sats again and mock GCSEs and real GCSEs and AS-levels and A-levels and BAs and MAs and MScs and PhDs decided education is an afterthought. Experience is what's really important. Which none of us had, because we'd been busy pretending Romeo and Juliet weren't just horny teenagers and Pythagoras wasn't the most tedious bastard that ever existed. We were told that education was a ticket to employment, when really it's more like vague directions to the station. We've all watched the Gen Y horror show unfold. We all know many entry-level positions are now filled with cycles of interns, that underemployment is cleverly hidden by internships or zero-hour contracts, that an unprecedented number of jobs created are part-time. By October last year, long-term youth unemployment had risen to four times the 2004 figures (oh, and tripled in the first three years of the coalition). So telling a young person, "Just get a job" is not tough love. It's like going to the Sahara, looking up and yelling "Just rain!" Which is weird. Stop it. "You think you're too good for a job at Costa" Graduates expect too much. That's the line – often stated as if it came out of the blue. After our American-dream style "You can do anything!" upbringings, apologies if it takes us a while to recover from the disappointment of realising it was all, well, a dream. The "job snobs" snub acknowledges that traditionally competitive industries are double-locking their doors, while ignoring the fact that low-skilled jobs are as rare as a worm concussion; a branch of Costa in Nottingham received 1,701 applications for eight positions. Not to be outdone, Asda got over 2,500 applications for 300 jobs. They should give scratch cards out with applications to double your chances of a win. It's not arrogance, it's the embers of optimism. Do you think snobbery comes easily to someone who's rejected for a cleaning job for "not having enough experience"? (I knew I shouldn't have put my mum as a reference for that one.) Lest we forget, our parents and teachers asked what we wanted to be when we grew up, then demanded a ransom of education, good grades, experience and a charming interview manner. We've done what you asked, society! Release the jobs! "You'll never get a job if you think negatively" Does anyone actually believe this hippy hogwash? That "positive thoughts" are a mystical good-things magnet? Sorry to shoot down those bluebirds that dress you in the morning, and put them in a pie, but positive feelings don't attract positive events. They're a result of them. Only actions matter – as long as jobseekers tweak their CVs for every job and turn up to interviews prepared and smiling, it really doesn't matter if they're dead inside. Empathise. Don't leap around shouting "Be positive!" like an inappropriate funeral director. "Applying for Asda? But you have a degree!" Damned if I do, job snob if I don't. And thanks for reminding me that I've spent thousands of pounds to beg someone to let me stack their yoghurts. "Have you tried doing an internship?" Yes, I did partake in a few rounds of "Who can earn the least

for longest?" but I had to fund my expensive habit of paying for things. Don't prod a spot this sore. An internship is not a job, it's a barricade dressed as a stepping-stone. Plus you're bringing back bad memories – the excruciating awkwardness of parachuting into an office for a two-week internship can't be overstated. Inside jokes whizz around you like Dementors, and any attempt to join in with a conversation is met with stares, as if you've just said, "Guys, look at this rash on the inside of my cheek! Look by TOUCHING!" "Do something fun with all that free time!" Free time? When your life is a cycle of applying for jobs, listening to crickets and crying into sponges, you don't get to clock off. Also, what fun is there for the jobless? Perhaps taking some sort of revenge on the Employed? Deliberately getting to the front of the Starbucks queue at 08:56 and saying "Umm ... what's actually in a latte?" Going to a pub on a Friday night and joining in some random work drinks, claiming to work in accounting and watch them pretend to remember the time we met at the water cooler? Well I did, and I just felt silly. Since you're here... ... we're asking readers like you to make a contribution in support of our open, independent journalism. In these extraordinary times, when anxiety and uncertainty abound, the Guardian's measured, authoritative reporting has never been so vital. As 2020 ensues, we will remain with you, delivering quality journalism so we can all make critical decisions about our lives, health and security – based on fact, not fiction. You've read 6 articles in the last four months. We believe every one of us deserves equal access to accurate news and calm explanation. So, unlike many others, we made a different choice: to keep Guardian journalism open for all, regardless of where they live or what they can afford to pay. This would not be possible without the generosity of readers, who now support our work from 180 countries around the world. We have upheld our editorial independence in the face of the disintegration of traditional media – with social platforms giving rise to misinformation, the seemingly unstoppable rise of big tech and independent voices being squashed by commercial ownership. The Guardian's independence means we can set our own agenda and voice our own opinions. Our journalism is free from commercial and political bias – never influenced by billionaire owners or shareholders. This makes us different. It means we can challenge the powerful without fear and give a voice to those less heard. Your financial support has meant we can keep investigating, disentangling and interrogating. It has protected our independence, which has never been so critical. We are so grateful.

Taiwan Foreign Minister Pushes Back on Chinese Propaganda: We Accurately Call It Wuhan Pneumonia Coronavirus (2020-03-16 22:40)

During an interview with conservative talk radio host Hugh Hewitt Monday morning, Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu pushed back on the Chinese Communist Party and explained how officials in his country have been accurately calling the disease, "the Wuhan Pneumonia Coronavirus."

"When the coronavirus started in Wuhan, we sent our CDC officials and experts to that area to make an investigation. And we knew that there was something wrong in that place. But the Chinese government officials were rather quiet about the real situation. And I think right now, the world already knows where it started, and that is the term that we use to describe this kind of coronavirus. We called it Wuhan Pneumonia Coronavirus," Wu said.

Last week, the Chinese ambassador to the U.S. [1]was summoned to the State Department for a meeting after the Chinese foreign minister falsely claimed the American military started the virus. The Chinese Communist Party has also tried to tamp down criticism and responsibility for the world outbreak by claiming the classification of the virus as "Chinese" or from "Wuhan" is racist.

"The Chinese understand that its national reputation suffered tremendously in the last few months because of the coronavirus. And what it's trying to do is trying to overturn that kind of situation. Rather than blaming the United States or blaming American soldiers of carrying the virus into the Wuhan area, I think the Chinese are also coming out in a very strong way through its propaganda that it is the savior of the world right now," Wu continued.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo addressed this issue again today in a call to the Director of the Office of Foreign Affairs of the Communist Party of China Yang Jiechi.

"Secretary Pompeo conveyed strong U.S. objections to PRC efforts to shift blame for COVID-19 to the United States. The Secretary stressed that this is not the time to spread disinformation and outlandish rumors, but rather a time for

all nations to come together to fight this common threat," the State Department released.

China lied about the initial outbreak of the virus, arrested doctors who warned about it, allowed it to spread around the world and are still lying about its origin. The question now is how the world will hold China accountable for what it has done.

Why don't you try to act with responsibility? You are actually doing irreparable damage to China's image. As a European I can tell you perceptions of China have become extremely negative over the last two weeks

1. <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/katiepavlich/2020/03/13/the-chinese-foreign-minister-is-spreading-dangerous-and-false-propaganda-about-the-wuhan-virus-n2564912>

Canada Closes Borders Amidst COVID-19 (2020-03-16 22:49)

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Monday that Canada will close its borders to non-Canadian citizens, with exceptions for immediate family members, diplomats, air crews, United States citizens and permanent residents of Canada.

"We will be denying entry to Canada to people who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents," said [1]@JustinTrudeau. "Some designated exceptions including for air crews, diplomats, immediate family members of Canadian citizens and, at this time, U.S. citizens." [2] #cdnpoli [3]pic.twitter.com/UbWelwif76

— Power & Politics (@PnPCBC) [4]March 16, 2020

BREAKING - Canada PM Trudeau: "We will be denying entry to Canada to people who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents" (airline crew, diplomats, US citizens exempted) [5] #cdnpoli [6] #coronavirus

— Richard Madan (@RichardMadan) [7]March 16, 2020

Trudeau: "These measures will help save lives"

— Richard Madan (@RichardMadan) [8]March 16, 2020

BREAKING: Canada closes its borders to anyone who isn't a citizen or permanent resident of Canada. There are exceptions including:

- U.S. citizens
- air crews
- diplomats
- immediate family of Canadian citizens

— David Begnaud (@DavidBegnaud) [9]March 16, 2020

Prime Minister Trudeau made it clear that anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 will be denied entry to Canada.

President Trump received criticism for floating the idea of closing our borders and restricting travel during this pandemic; the Left charged the president with "xenophobia," and "racism." Prime Minister Trudeau also said that the United States and Canada are working closely together: Canadian PM Justin Trudeau says U.S. citizens are still allowed

to travel into Canada & are exempt from new travel ban Canada is imposing bc "the level of integration of our two countries is quite particular" and the U.S. and Canada have been "collaborating very closely"

1. https://twitter.com/JustinTrudeau?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
 2. https://twitter.com/hashtag/cdnpoli?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
 3. <https://t.co/UbWeIwif76>
 4. https://twitter.com/PnPCBC/status/1239609320540647428?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
 5. https://twitter.com/hashtag/cdnpoli?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
 6. https://twitter.com/hashtag/coronavirus?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
 7. https://twitter.com/RichardMadan/status/1239607889330950144?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
 8. https://twitter.com/RichardMadan/status/1239608639154987009?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
 9. https://twitter.com/DavidBegnaud/status/1239614485746368518?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw
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Movies I've Seen: 2020 edition (2020-03-16 23:15)

- 1 Alien 8.4 1979
- 2 Hak hap 6.1 1996
- 3 A Bridge Too Far 7.4 1977
- 4 A Christmas Carol 7.8 1984
- 5 A Christmas Carol 6.1 1982
- 6 A Christmas Carol 7.2 1950
- 7 A Streetcar Named Desire 8 1951
- 8 A Walk in the Sun 7 1945
- 9 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes 7.4 1939
- 10 Alice in Wonderland 6.4 2010
- 11 Alien 6.5 1992
- 12 AVP: Alien vs. Predator 5.6 2004
- 13 Aliens 8.3 1986
- 14 An American Carol 4.1 2008
- 15 An American Werewolf in London 7.5 1981
- 16 The Aviator 7.5 2004
- 17 Band of Brothers 9.5 2001
- 18 Battlestar Galactica 8.6 2003
- 19 Battlestar Galactica 8.7 2004
- 20 Black Rain 6.7 1989
- 21 Dracula 7.4 1992
- 22 The Bridge at Remagen 6.7 1969
- 23 The Brides of Dracula 6.7 1960
- 24 Broken Arrow 6 1996
- 25 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof 8 1958
- 26 Centennial 8.3 1978
- 27 The Changeling 7.2 1980
- 28 Collateral 7.5 2004
- 29 The Changeling 6.9 2006
- 30 The Curse of Frankenstein 7.1 1957
- 31 Night of the Demon 7.5 1957
- 32 Daybreakers 6.4 2009
- 33 Death Hunt 7 1981

34 Defiance 7.2 2008
35 Dirty Harry 7.7 1971
36 Magnum Force 7.2 1973
37 Sudden Impact 6.7 1983
38 The Dead Pool 6.3 1988
39 How the Grinch Stole Christmas 6.1 2000
40 Dracula 6.5 1979
41 Dracula Has Risen from the Grave 6.6 1968
42 Dracula A.D. 1972 6 1972
43 Dracula: Prince of Darkness 6.8 1966
44 East of Eden 7.9 1955
45 Enemy at the Gates 7.6 2001
46 Eight Below 7.3 2006
47 Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within 6.4 2001
48 Firefox 6 1982
49 Fright Night 7.1 1985
50 Halloween 7.8 1978
51 Hidalgo 6.7 2004
52 Hide and Seek 6 2005
53 Dracula 7.3 1958
54 How the West Was Won 7.1 1962
55 Independence Day 7 1996
56 Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 7.6 1984
57 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade 8.2 1989
58 Raiders of the Lost Ark 8.4 1981
59 Iron Man 2 7 2010
60 Iron Man 7.9 2008
61 It's a Wonderful Life 8.6 1946
62 Jurassic Park 8.1 1993
63 K-19: The Widowmaker 6.7 2002
64 The War 9 2007
65 Kiss of the Dragon 6.6 2001
66 Live Free or Die Hard 7.1 2007
67 The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring 8.8 2001
68 The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King 8.9 2003
69 The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers 8.7 2002
70 The Matrix 8.7 1999
71 The Matrix Reloaded 7.2 2003
72 The Matrix Revolutions 6.8 2003
73 This Is It 7.2 2009
74 Minority Report 7.6 2002
75 Mirrors 6.2 2008
76 The Mummy 7 1999
77 The Mummy Returns 6.3 2001
78 My Fair Lady 7.8 1964
79 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 7.6 1989
80 The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes 7.1 1970
81 Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl 8 2003
82 Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest 7.3 2006
83 Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End 7.1 2007

84 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 6.6 2011
85 Premonition 5.9 2007
86 Rat Race 6.4 2001
87 Rebel Without a Cause 7.7 1955
88 Robin Hood 6.6 2010
89 The Satanic Rites of Dracula 5.6 1973
90 Saving Private Ryan 8.6 1998
91 Scars of Dracula 6.2 1970
92 Seabiscuit 7.3 2003
93 The Pearl of Death 7.2 1944
94 The Fatal Hour 5.5 1940
95 Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon 6.6 1942
96 Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror 6.6 1942
97 Shutter Island 8.1 2010
98 Sleepy Hollow 7.3 1999
99 Fainaru fanta[?] sebun adobento chirudoren 7.2 2005
100 Spider-Man 7.3 2002
101 Spider-Man 2 7.3 2004
102 Spider-Man 3 6.2 2007
103 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 6.8 1990
104 South Pacific 6.8 1958
105 TMNT 6.2 2007
106 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.6 1987
107 Star Trek: Generations 6.6 1994
108 Star Trek: The Motion Picture 6.4 1979
109 Star Trek: First Contact 7.6 1996
110 Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan 7.7 1982
111 Star Trek III: The Search for Spock 6.7 1984
112 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 7.9 1993
113 Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home 7.3 1986
114 Dracula 7.5 1931
115 Son of Dracula 6.1 1943
116 Star Trek V: The Final Frontier 5.5 1989
117 Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country 7.2 1991
118 Star Trek: Insurrection 6.4 1998
119 Star Trek: Nemesis 6.4 2002
120 Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace 6.5 1999
121 Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones 6.5 2002
122 Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith 7.5 2005
123 Star Wars 8.6 1977
124 Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back 8.7 1980
125 Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi 8.3 1983
126 State of Play 7.1 2009
127 It 6.8 1990
128 Rose Red 6.8 2002
129 Silver Bullet 6.4 1985
130 Taken 7.8 2008
131 The Terminator 8 1984
132 Terminator 2: Judgment Day 8.5 1991
133 Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines 6.3 2003

134 Terminator Salvation 6.5 2009
135 Omen IV: The Awakening 3.9 1991
136 The Blue and the Gray 7.6 1982
137 The Bourne Supremacy 7.7 2004
138 The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer 5.5 2003
139 The Exorcist 8 1973
140 The Final Countdown 6.7 1980
141 The Ghost Writer 7.2 2010
142 The Great Outdoors 6.7 1988
143 The Hound of the Baskervilles 7.5 1939
144 The Hound of the Baskervilles 7 1959
145 The Hound of the Baskervilles 6.6 2002
146 The Hustler 8 1961
147 The Long, Hot Summer 7.4 1958
148 Per qualche dollaro in più 8.3 1965
149 Il buono, il brutto, il cattivo 8.8 1966
150 Per un pugno di dollari 8 1964
151 North and South 8.1 1985
152 The One 5.9 2001
153 The Pacific 8.3 2010
154 The Phantom of the Opera 7.3 2004
155 The Relic 5.8 1997
156 The Thing 8.1 1982
157 Meet the Fockers 6.3 2004
158 The Thin Red Line 7.6 1998
159 The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada 7.4 2005
160 The Verdict 7.7 1982
161 The Watcher 5.3 2000
162 They Were Expendable 7.2 1945
163 To Kill a Mockingbird 8.2 1962
164 Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life 5.5 2003
165 Trailer Park Boys 8.4 2001
166 Valkyrie 7.1 2008
167 Van Helsing 6.1 2004
168 Von Ryan's Express 7.1 1965
169 Wall Street 7.4 1987
170 Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps 6.2 2010
171 War and Remembrance 8.3 1988
172 War of the Worlds 6.5 2005
173 White Christmas 7.6 1954
174 Without a Clue 7 1988
175 The Winds of War 8.1 1983
176 WWII in HD 8.7 2009
177 X2 7.4 2003
178 The X Files 8.6 1993
179 X-Men 7.4 2000
180 X-Men: The Last Stand 6.7 2006
181 Lawrence of Arabia 8.3 1962
182 Dumb and Dumber 7.3 1994
183 The Hangover 7.7 2009

184 El laberinto del fauno 8.2 2006
185 Resident Evil 6.7 2002
186 Resident Evil: Apocalypse 6.2 2004
187 Resident Evil: Afterlife 5.8 2010
188 Resident Evil: Extinction 6.3 2007
189 The Wolfman 5.8 2010
190 Mortal Kombat 5.8 1995
191 Doctor Zhivago 8 1965
192 The Searchers 7.9 1956
193 The Guns of Navarone 7.5 1961
194 Monty Python and the Holy Grail 8.2 1975
195 The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance 8.1 1962
196 Rio Bravo 8 1959
197 The Quiet Man 7.8 1952
198 The Shootist 7.6 1976
199 Rooster Cogburn 6.9 1975
200 True Grit 7.4 1969
201 The Undefeated 6.7 1969
202 Hellfighters 6.6 1968
203 The Green Berets 5.8 1968
204 El Dorado 7.6 1967
205 The Sons of Katie Elder 7.2 1965
206 Donovan's Reef 6.9 1963
207 The Longest Day 7.8 1962
208 The Comancheros 6.9 1961
209 North to Alaska 7 1960
210 The Alamo 6.9 1960
211 The Horse Soldiers 7.2 1959
212 Island in the Sky 6.9 1953
213 The High and the Mighty 6.8 1954
214 Gran Torino 8.1 2008
215 Blood Work 6.4 2002
216 Space Cowboys 6.4 2000
217 True Crime 6.6 1999
218 Absolute Power 6.7 1997
219 Ef: A Tale of Melodies. 7.5 2008
220 Kureimoa 8 2007
221 Angel Beats! 7.7 2010
222 The Bridges of Madison County 7.6 1995
223 A Perfect World 7.6 1993
224 Unforgiven 8.2 1992
225 Pink Cadillac 5.4 1989
226 Pale Rider 7.3 1985
227 High Plains Drifter 7.5 1973
228 Joe Kidd 6.5 1972
229 Back to the Future 8.5 1985
230 Back to the Future Part II 7.8 1989
231 Back to the Future Part III 7.4 1990
232 Kelly's Heroes 7.6 1970
233 Where Eagles Dare 7.7 1968

234 Batman 7.5 1989
235 Batman Returns 7 1992
236 Batman & Robin 3.7 1997
237 The Dark Knight 9 2008
238 Batman Begins 8.2 2005
239 Batman Forever 5.4 1995
240 Gung Ho 6.3 1986
241 Beetlejuice 7.5 1988
242 Chinatown 8.2 1974
243 The Shining 8.4 1980
244 Reds 7.3 1981
245 The Two Jakes 6.2 1990
246 A Few Good Men 7.7 1992
247 Wolf 6.2 1994
248 About Schmidt 7.1 2002
249 The Departed 8.5 2006
250 The Fugitive 7.8 1993
251 Lonesome Dove 8.7 1989
252 Volcano 5.5 1997
253 Men in Black 7.3 1997
254 Men in Black II 6.2 2002
255 Rules of Engagement 6.4 2000
256 No Country for Old Men 8.1 2007
257 Real Genius 7 1985
258 Top Gun 6.9 1986
259 Thunderheart 6.8 1992
260 Heat 8.2 1995
261 Days of Thunder 6 1990
262 Far and Away 6.6 1992
263 Australia 6.6 2008
264 American Graffiti 7.4 1973
265 Blade Runner 8.1 1982
266 Working Girl 6.8 1988
267 Patriot Games 6.9 1992
268 Air Force One 6.5 1997
269 Six Days Seven Nights 5.8 1998
270 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull 6.1 2008
271 Firewall 5.8 2006
272 Hollywood Homicide 5.3 2003
273 The Godfather 9.2 1972
274 The Godfather: Part III 7.6 1990
275 The Godfather: Part II 9 1974
276 Invasion of the Body Snatchers 7.4 1978
277 Apocalypse Now 8.4 1979
278 Sling Blade 8 1996
279 Deep Impact 6.2 1998
280 Gods and Generals 6.4 2003
281 Gone in Sixty Seconds 6.5 2000
282 Open Range 7.4 2003
283 Crazy Heart 7.2 2009

284 The Color of Money 7 1986
285 Born on the Fourth of July 7.2 1989
286 The Firm 6.8 1993
287 Mission: Impossible 7.1 1996
288 Jerry Maguire 7.3 1996
289 Rain Man 8 1988
290 Mission: Impossible II 6.1 2000
291 Vanilla Sky 6.9 2001
292 Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery 7 1997
293 Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me 6.6 1999
294 Austin Powers in Goldmember 6.2 2002
295 The Last Samurai 7.7 2003
296 Tropic Thunder 7 2008
297 Mission: Impossible III 6.9 2006
298 Hud 7.8 1963
299 Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid 8 1969
300 The Sting 8.3 1973
301 Three Days of the Condor 7.4 1975
302 All the President's Men 8 1976
303 The Horse Whisperer 6.6 1998
304 28 Days Later... 7.6 2002
305 Halloween II 6.5 1981
306 Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers 5.9 1988
307 Halloween III: Season of the Witch 4.9 1982
308 Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers 5.2 1989
309 Halloween H20: 20 Years Later 5.7 1998
310 Halloween: Resurrection 4 2002
311 Virus 5 1999
312 Escape from New York 7.2 1981
313 Big Trouble in Little China 7.3 1986
314 Tequila Sunrise 6.1 1988
315 Backdraft 6.7 1991
316 Tombstone 7.8 1993
317 Stargate 7.1 1994
318 Escape from L.A. 5.7 1996
319 Mad Max 6.9 1979
320 Mad Max 2 7.6 1981
321 Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome 6.3 1985
322 Lethal Weapon 7.6 1987
323 Lethal Weapon 2 7.2 1989
324 Lethal Weapon 3 6.7 1992
325 Lethal Weapon 4 6.6 1998
326 The Man Without a Face 6.7 1993
327 Braveheart 8.3 1995
328 Ransom 6.6 1996
329 The Patriot 7.2 2000
330 We Were Soldiers 7.2 2002
331 Signs 6.7 2002
332 Superman 7.3 1978
333 Superman Returns 6 2006

334 Superman II 6.8 1980
335 Superman III 5 1983
336 Superman IV: The Quest for Peace 3.7 1987
337 The Pelican Brief 6.6 1993
338 The Hunt for Red October 7.6 1990
339 Erin Brockovich 7.3 2000
340 Steel Magnolias 7.3 1989
341 Mystic Pizza 6.2 1988
342 Courage Under Fire 6.6 1996
343 Crimson Tide 7.3 1995
344 The Siege 6.4 1998
345 The Bone Collector 6.7 1999
346 The Taking of Pelham 123 6.4 2009
347 Ghostbusters 7.8 1984
348 Ghostbusters II 6.6 1989
349 National Lampoon's Animal House 7.5 1978
350 The Blues Brothers 7.9 1980
351 Blues Brothers 2000 4.9 1998
352 American Pie 7 1999
353 American Pie 2 6.4 2001
354 American Wedding 6.3 2003
355 Pitch Black 7.1 2000
356 The Chronicles of Riddick 6.7 2004
357 Hannibal 6.8 2001
358 Manhunter 7.2 1986
359 Red Dragon 7.2 2002
360 The Silence of the Lambs 8.6 1991
361 Inception 8.8 2010
362 Transformers 7 2007
363 Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen 6 2009
364 Fargo 8.1 1996
365 Avatar 7.8 2009
366 Marley & Me 7.1 2008
367 The Money Pit 6.4 1986
368 Turner & Hooch 6.2 1989
369 A League of Their Own 7.2 1992
370 Forrest Gump 8.8 1994
371 From the Earth to the Moon 8.6 1998
372 You've Got Mail 6.6 1998
373 Cast Away 7.8 2000
374 The Running Man 6.7 1987
375 Road to Perdition 7.7 2002
376 Catch Me If You Can 8.1 2002
377 The Terminal 7.3 2004
378 The Da Vinci Code 6.6 2006
379 Angels & Demons 6.7 2009
380 Young Frankenstein 8 1974
381 Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man 6.5 1943
382 The Curse of Frankenstein 7.1 1957
383 The Revenge of Frankenstein 6.8 1958

384 The Mummy 6.8 1959
385 The Evil of Frankenstein 6.1 1964
386 Frankenstein Created Woman 6.6 1967
387 The Gorgon 6.5 1964
388 Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed 6.8 1969
389 Frankenstein and the Monster from Hell 6.4 1974
390 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone 7.6 2001
391 Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets 7.4 2002
392 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban 7.9 2004
393 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire 7.7 2005
394 Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix 7.5 2007
395 Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince 7.6 2009
396 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 8.1 2011
397 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 7.7 2010
398 Rocky 8.1 1976
399 Rocky II 7.3 1979
400 Rocky III 6.8 1982
401 Rocky IV 6.9 1985
402 Rocky V 5.3 1990
403 First Blood 7.7 1982
404 Rambo: First Blood Part II 6.5 1985
405 Rambo III 5.8 1988
406 Cliffhanger 6.4 1993
407 Demolition Man 6.7 1993
408 Judge Dredd 5.6 1995
409 Cop Land 6.9 1997
410 Antz 6.5 1998
411 Driven 4.6 2001
412 Rocky Balboa 7.1 2006
413 Rambo 7 2008
414 The Forbidden Kingdom 6.6 2008
415 The Arrival 6.3 1996
416 The Lost World: Jurassic Park 6.6 1997
417 Jurassic Park III 5.9 2001
418 The Fly 7.5 1986
419 Event Horizon 6.7 1997
420 Wall Street 7.4 1987
421 Red Dawn 6.4 1984
422 Platoon 8.1 1986
423 Uncommon Valor 6.4 1983
424 Ghost 7 1990
425 Dirty Dancing 7 1987
426 Road House 6.6 1989
427 Point Break 7.3 1991
428 Dracula 7.4 1992
429 Speed 7.2 1994
430 Chain Reaction 5.7 1996
431 The Devil's Advocate 7.5 1997
432 The Day the Earth Stood Still 5.5 2008
433 Bat*21 6.5 1988

434 Mississippi Burning 7.8 1988
435 Wyatt Earp 6.7 1994
436 The Quick and the Dead 6.4 1995
437 Enemy of the State 7.3 1998
438 Fong Sai Yuk 7.2 1993
439 The French Connection 7.7 1971
440 The Princess Bride 8.1 1987
441 Twister 6.4 1996
442 Liar Liar 6.9 1997
443 Shadow of the Vampire 6.9 2000
444 Legends of the Fall 7.6 1994
445 Nixon 7.1 1995
446 The Mask of Zorro 6.7 1998
447 Instinct 6.6 1999
448 Little Fockers 5.5 2010
449 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective 6.9 1994
450 Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls 6.4 1995
451 The Cable Guy 6.1 1996
452 The Mask 6.9 1994
453 Man on the Moon 7.4 1999
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1808 The Woman in the Window 7.7 1944
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1810 Brute Force 7.6 1947
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1925 I Was an American Spy 6.7 1951
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2084 The Getaway 7.4 1972
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2219 Sex, Lies, and Videotape 7.2 1989
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2224 The Jewel of the Nile 6.1 1985
2225 Silverado 7.2 1985
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2231 This Happy Breed 7.3 1944
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2233 Giant 7.6 1956

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3106 Project Blue Book 7.6 2019
3107 Zombieland: Double Tap 6.8 2019
3108 Star Trek: Picard 8 2020
3109 Star Trek: Discovery 7.3 2017
3110 Flatliners 6.6 1990
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3113 A Twist of Sand 5.6 1968
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Chinese Coronavirus Pandemic Demonstrates Who Are The Idiots (2020-03-16 23:29)

There's nothing like a hideous pandemic to reaffirm what we always knew...

Communists are terrible.
Our establishment is terrible.
Our media is terrible.
Democrats are terrible.
Never Trumpers are terrible.

Let's start with the bat soup-slurpin' version of Bernie Sanders's favorite ideology, the Red Chinese. Their bizarre fetish for gobbling up pangolins and other appalling foods led to this outbreak, as if eating weird stuff was ever going to lead to anything good. Anyway, their secrecy, ineptitude and general commie incompetence led to it getting all out of control. Now they are blaming America for it, as if Trump went over to the far east and started stuffing rodents, marsupials and varmints down their gullets.

Turns out the Chinese and their slave labor fake capitalism were just too attractive to our globalist betters, who decided that it would be super-smart to outsource all sorts of necessary stuff to a committed enemy of the United States. But then, at heart, the lickspittle Wall Street types and the Bain Brigades starring the likes of Mitt Romney don't truly believe that America still exists in a Westphalian nation-state paradigm. After all, doesn't everyone from everywhere get along so swimmingly over cocktails and crudités in Davos? So when the ChiComs started sounding off maybe not letting us have any of the drugs we need, we dug a bit deeper and found out that the Bush/Clinton/BushAgain/Obama era geniuses who keep telling us how smart they are let America transfer our drug-making, mask-making, and all-sorts-of-other-stuff-we-really-really-need-making to our enemy. As the hep kids once said, "Smooth move, Ex-Lax," except Ex-Lax is probably now made in Wuhan, and that's a problem considering what our establishment is so manifestly full of.

So now we have Chinese officials in official Chinese newspapers claiming that the U.S. Army created and spread the Chinese coronavirus, which is ridiculous because today's Army is focused on important tasks like transgender diversity day awareness training stand-downs and making sure that drill sergeants aren't mean to the puffy new recruits.

But our garbage media - sorry garbage, since you were at least useful at one point - is eager to parrot the Peking line. Blaming the ChiComs for the ChiComs's failure is now xenophobic, according to the memo that obviously circulated among these dummies, and super-smart people who talk to you at airports like Fredo Cuomo and my special pal Don Lemon. We're also not supposed to say where this disease came from because it promotes unease among the masters of the population that insists on imbibing creepy crawlies. After all, if you knew what kind of things some of these people put in their mouth's you might think less of the persons doing that, because you should. I submit that any individual who wishes to dine on a dugong, dolphin, or dog should be thought less of.

You know, like Obama.

Key Democrats weighed in on this important issue. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez announced that not eating Chinese food is racist, but she did not confront the fact that eating General Tsao's chicken is militarist. She needs to get more woke. Not-Senile Joe needs to be woken up. His big speech about his big virus plan focused on us not being racist by accurately pointing out the disease's origins, which seems like a super-important consideration to the people hacking their lungs out.

So, I guess I should stop referring to it as "Woking Pneumonia?" Nah, I think I'll do whatever I want instead.

The Democrats' shiny new meme was that Donald Trump wasted the time China bought us with its dissem-

bling and incompetence. What was Trump doing at that time? Dealing with being impeached for allegedly seeking an explanation about why the exotic dancer-diddling and wacky dust-inhaling scion of the presumptive Democrat nominee was getting paid off to the tune of \$83K a month by foreign corruptocrats. At least Hoover Biden's safe. If that virus wanders into his nostrils it'll OD harder than a pal of Democrat Andrew Gillum at a wedding after-party.

Who wants to bet the Democrats are less concerned with their up n' comer being caught wasted in a hotel room with a couple muscular dudes and some sacks of meth than with his obvious failure to practice his social distancing?

Yeah, Trump is responsible for the government's alleged botching of the test kit thing. The answer is, of course, to give all power over health care to the government because reasons and are you kidding me? Now, if you aren't tested and show symptoms, you should self-quarantine. And if you are tested and come out positive, you should self-quarantine. So, if you are showing symptoms, but test negative, you should go cough on people and lick door handles? I'm not sure the lack of testing is key to stopping this pandemic. Maybe staying away from other people if you have some loathsome infection is.

And no one does "staying away from other people" and "having some loathsome infection" better than the Never Trumpers. If there is one thing the friendless Trump Derangement Syndrome suffers understand, it's isolation. Ahoy mateys, there'll be no more cruises for you, you scurvy vermin. These invertebrate losers weighed in – and most of them sure know from weighing – on the latest developments, pronouncing this the thing that finally gets Trump. Sure, the Fredocons humiliated themselves going all-in on RUSSIA! EMOLUMENTS! UKRAINE! but this, this disease from China, that is totally going to do Trump in. They wet themselves with glee at the 2K Dow panic sell-off and wet themselves in despair at the 2K Dow rally. There's a theme there.

The Chinese coronavirus pandemic, like Trump himself, has the amazing ability to cause the masks to fall and the truth to come out. Communists, our establishment, the media, Democrats and Never Trumpers have managed to all made fools of themselves. You really gotta Wu-hand it to them.

By coincidence, the threat of a pandemic of disease in the context of a pandemic of liberal insanity is a theme of my conservative thriller Wildfire. My latest novel is Collapse, and the two other entries in the best-selling series, People's Republic, Indian Country, describe an America post-liberal victory, with all the failure and misery that entails, while mocking them mercilessly.

March Podcast (2020-03-18 20:15)

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U.S.-Mexico Agree to Shut Down Border Over Wuhan Coronavirus (2020-03-20 15:43)

Speaking from the White House Friday afternoon President Trump and officials from the Department of Homeland Security announced Mexico and the United States have reached an agreement to close the border to non-essential

traffic. The agreement, like the one with Canada earlier this week, does not apply to trade or commerce.

"These measures will protect the health of all three nations and reduce the incentive for mass global migration that would badly deplete the health care resources needed for our people," Trump said.

Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf laid out the details and also announced individuals without proper documentation will not be allowed to enter the country.

"The CDC order directs the Department to suspend the introduction of all individuals seeking to enter the U.S. without proper travel documentation," Wolf said.

Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf outlines "unprecedented actions," border restrictions to combat coronavirus
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— Steve Guest (@SteveGuest) March 20, 2020

.@CBP's highest priority is to ensure the health, safety and security of our workforce and the American public. We are taking all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in CBP facilities and are ensuring that all our employees have personal protective equipment. <https://t.co/3q2kyXHIBL>

— Acting Commissioner Mark Morgan (@CBPMarkMorgan) March 19, 2020

"Now we have the northern and southern border issues. There's a fundamental public health reason for doing that because we cannot be preventing people from coming into one area when they can actual go in from the other," Fauci said, adding previous travel bans from China and Europe have been crucial to stopping additional Wuhan coronavirus cases from entering and being spread in the United States

GameStop Is A Hive Of Villainy (2020-03-20 20:49)

GameStop is nearing the end of its sad existence, and the only appropriate move when it finally goes bankrupt will be to toast to its demise. To describe GameStop as struggling to maintain any manner of relevance in today's video game market is an understatement. Still, beneath that fruitless struggle that appears often in the news, the company's behavior over the past few years have shown us exactly the type of cartoon villainy practiced by management. GameStop is nearing the end of its sad existence, and the only appropriate move when it finally goes bankrupt will be to toast to its demise. Via: knowyourmeme.com A History Of Mistreating Their Employees One of the major complaints seen across forums is the way in which hours were dolled out to each store for employees. Workers may have their schedules set for the week, but from one day to the next the hours would change, and employees would face difficulties in having any kind of predictability in their lives and income. Worse still was that this often resulted in running on skeleton crews, with single opening and closing staff during times that were busy, leaving customers frustrated, and employees stretched thin. Continue scrolling to keep reading Click the button below to start this article in quick view. Start now Now, it should be noted that GameStop is not alone in this type of behavior. The reality is that far too many companies force employees to take zero-hour contracts, overloading them with hours when they are needed and then discarding them with there isn't as much work to do. This isn't a problem when there is an abundance of work, but as we are seeing now with the ongoing spread of Covid-19, such antics are terrible for any employee, and they should not exist. Via: [@bryce-edwards](https://twitter.com) Although the experiences had by employees at GameStop can range greatly based on their managers, co-workers, location, and other factors, a cursory search online will reveal a troubling pattern of behavior that makes the workplace environment seem toxic. The above point may be largely anecdotal, but when the same types of comments appear across a broad range of online forums going back for years, we see a discernible pattern of mistreatment. RELATED: No, Reggie Won't Save GameStop Want To

Trade In? Best I Can Do Is \$3 There are countless jokes about how terrible consumers are treated when trying to trade in their old games, but employees are expected to inquire with every customer. Did you hear about the man who stole \$42,000 worth of equipment from Valve? He was offered \$3 store credit at GameStop for the lot. Not really, but the story perfectly encapsulates what one can expect when trying to trade in titles that may be recently released. Via: kingofthehill.com Apart from the low trade in values, which employees have no control over in terms of pricing, is the never-ended demand for upselling every customer. When Mortal Kombat 11 was set to release in 2019, GameStop saw every available space littered with related merchandise: coffee mugs, action figures, plush toys, socks, statues, and more. If employees were not berating consumers to buy something there was clearly no interest in purchasing, they would be disciplined. Ultimately, this idea to sell more than video games consumed the company, and consumers are tired of the antics as well. You Get A Funko Pop! And You Get A Funko Pop! At some point during its identity crisis as a company, GameStop became consumed from within by Funko Pop! figures. These were adorable in their inception, but as the company needed to increase its revenue stream and video games alone were not cutting it, these figures became the center of attention. Now when walking into any GameStop, it is not uncommon to see entire walls covered in thousands of these toys. It is no exaggeration to see half of a store's merchandise space gobbled up by what is undoubtedly an oversaturated and unwanted product line, but that is what GameStop has become. They are so overstocked that, as we can see in the image below, some resort to giving them away, if consumers fill out surveys with only positive answers. Looks like GameStop could use a little help from Randy Marsh, 'cause there 'aint no 'Tegridy to be found 'round these parts. Via: zodab.com However, even if we were to look past the immensely stressful sales practices that GameStop inflicts on its employees, the impractical way the company shuffles around their hours, and the grotesque way that stores now contain more Funko Pop! figures than actual video games, we cannot and should not ever forget how the company handled the ongoing spread of Covid-19. Today, we are all working through an unprecedented medical emergency as Covid-19 spreads across the world. In most places, people are being told to practice social/physical distancing to help flatten the curve of transmission. States have issued court orders informing authorities that only essential businesses may remain open. While grocery and drug stores immediately come to mind, GameStop has issued the following memo to its employees: "Due to the products we carry that enable and enhance our customers' experience in working from home, we believe GameStop is classified as essential retail and therefore is able to remain open during this time." This announcement was made on the eve of two of the most anticipated video games releases of the year, namely Doom Eternal and Animal Crossing: New Horizons. The result was stores opening for business and thousands of people standing in line outside to get their games, contributing to the ongoing spread of Covid-19 at a time when we should all be working to minimize its potential transmission. Via: digitaltrends.com This act should truly be remembered as a defining moment during efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19 as GameStop explicitly chose profits over the health and safety of its employees, its consumers, and by association everyone they will go on to infect. As GameStop wobbles inevitably towards its inevitable death, I sincerely hope that no one stops even for a moment when its bloated corpse tips over and rolls into a ditch. A passing spit into its unceremonious grave is more than appropriate. GameStop, you're no longer just a shitty husk of your former self, you're now a danger to public safety, and it's time to go.

Must We Kill the Economy to Kill the Virus? (2020-03-24 19:12)

"We cannot let the cure be worse than the problem itself," tweeted the president on Sunday night, adding that, after the current 15-day shutdown, "we will make a decision as to which way we want to go." President Trump is said to be privately expressing a deepening concern at the damage the coronavirus shutdown is doing to the U.S. economy and debating whether it can be safely reopened. Though castigated for his remark, Trump has a point. The U.S. is rightly using extreme measures to meet the threat and control the virus that threatens the lives of millions of Americans, with the elderly sick foremost among them. And we need to do so without killing the economy upon which scores of millions of other Americans depend. Clearly, America was unprepared for this pandemic. And there will be time enough to assess responsibility for the lack of surgical masks, medical gowns, rubber gloves, respirators, ventilators and hospital beds. The immediate imperative is to produce those beds and that equipment and get it

delivered to doctors, nurses and hospital staff, the front-line troops in the battle to control the virus. However, during this shutdown, all "nonessential businesses" are being closed and their workers sent home to shelter in place and to keep "social distance" from friends and neighbors to minimize the risk of spreading this easily transmissible virus. Unfortunately, what is "nonessential" to some – bars, restaurants, hotels, stores, cruise ships, tourist sites, shops, malls – are places of employment and indispensable sources of income for millions of other Americans. CARTOONS | Gary Varvel View Cartoon Close the businesses where these Americans work and you terminate the paychecks on which they depend to pay the rent and buy the food and medicines they and their families need to shelter and live. And if the salaries and wages on which workers depend are cut off, how are these millions of newly unemployed supposed to live? How do those who follow the instructions of the president and governors to remain in their homes get their prescriptions filled and buy the food to feed their families? How long can the shutdown be sustained if the necessities of life for the unemployed and unpaid begin to run out? Is it necessary to create an economic and social crisis to solve the medical crisis? "We had to destroy the village in order to save it," was a remark attributed to a U.S. Army officer in the Vietnam War. Must we cripple or destroy the economy to rescue the American nation from the coronavirus crisis of 2020? Then there is the matter of time. Many Americans can survive on what they have on hand for two or four weeks. Far fewer can survive without income for two or four months. If we shut down the economy, what will we have when the medical crisis passes, be that in May, June, July, August or September? Will all those nonessential businesses we put to sleep come back to life? The free market system that is the legacy of Hamilton and the Founding Fathers is the world's best design for the distribution of goods and services and ensuring prosperity. And in a population where life expectancy is decades beyond what it was in the early 20th century, there are government programs to provide the necessities of life for those who can no longer access or afford them. But businesses are needed to deliver the goods. And if, by government command, America's free economy is partly shut down as unessential in this medical crisis, the government could be responsible for imposing the conditions that lead to social disorder. Recommended Sen. McSally Introduces Bill to Withhold Senate Pay Until Relief Package Is Passed Reagan McCarthy At some point, the country is going to have to open up the supply chains and take the risks to let the market work to provide food – or people will engage in panic buying, hoarding and using any means to get what they need for themselves and their families. Reports of folks in this heavily armed nation stocking up on guns and ammunition suggest a widespread apprehension of what may be coming. If the medical crisis is allowed to induce an economic crisis that leads to a social crisis, the American political system, our democratic system, may itself be severely tested. Lest we forget: In the greatest crisis in this nation's history, in which the issue was whether the American Union would be severed into two nations, Abraham Lincoln suspended the right of habeas corpus, shut down state legislatures, closed newspapers, jailed journalists and was prepared to arrest the chief justice. And for the dictatorial measures he took, and for waging the bloodiest war in U.S. history, against fellow Americans, Lincoln is now regarded by many as our greatest president.

How Do We Flatten the Curve on Panic? (2020-03-25 21:45)

f, as the evidence suggests, the Chinese virus is enormously dangerous to people with certain medical conditions and those over 70 years old, but a much smaller danger to those under 70, then shutting down the entire country indefinitely is probably a bad idea. But even when the time is right – by Easter, June or the fall – there will be no one to stop the quarantine because the media will continue to hype every coronavirus death, as if these are the only deaths that count and the only deaths that were preventable. What mayor, governor or president will be willing to take the blame for causing a coronavirus death? We'll get no BREAKING NEWS alerts for the regular flu deaths (so far this season, more than 23,000, compared to 533 from the coronavirus). Nor for the more than 3,000 people who die every day of heart disease or cancer. No alerts for the hundreds who die each day from car accidents, illegal aliens and suicide. Only coronavirus deaths are considered newsworthy. We're told by the "Quarantine Everybody" crowd: Listen to the scientists! Unfortunately, most of the "scientists" they present to us are lawyers. (How did Robert Reich, Donna Shalala and Ron Klain become medical professionals?) Also, the scientists disagree. Just as, I assume, they did in 1976, when epidemiologists warned of another 1918 Spanish flu pandemic after a few young

Army recruits died of swine flu at Fort Dix in New Jersey. Eight months later, the federal government launched a mandatory swine flu vaccination program. About a quarter of the country was vaccinated before the program was abruptly shut down. No pandemic had materialized. The virus infected a few people, then vanished. But directly as a result of receiving the vaccine, dozens of Americans died and several hundred acquired Guillain-Barre syndrome. The scientists also disagreed in the 1980s, when the media and government went into overdrive to scare us all about AIDS. (1985 Life magazine cover: "NOW, NO ONE IS SAFE FROM AIDS.") Surgeon General C. Everett Koop – as revered by the media then as Anthony Fauci is today – lied about the disease, insisting that "[h]eterosexual persons are increasingly at risk." Speaking of which, here's liberal Fauci on AIDS back in 1983, when he was with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, but not yet its director: "As the months go by, we see more and more groups. AIDS is creeping out of well-defined epidemiological confines." (It didn't.) In 1987, Fauci warned that French kissing might transmit the AIDS virus, saying, "Health officials have to presume that it is possible to transmit the virus by exchange of saliva in deep kissing. That presumption is made to be extra safe." By 1992, after a decade-long epidemic with more than a million infections, the Centers for Disease Control could find only 2,391 cases of AIDS transmission by white heterosexuals – and that included hemophiliacs and blood transfusion patients. ("White" because AIDS cases among Haitian and African immigrants had a variety of causes.) But teenagers and sorority girls had to spend years being frightened of kissing lest they catch the AIDS virus, just as today they're afraid of leaving their homes to avoid a virus that, in Italy, has killed no one under 30 years old and precious few under 50. We have to be "extra safe." Both the No French Kissing rule and Quarantine Everybody rule are perfectly rational positions for an epidemiologist to take. That's why we need to listen to people other than epidemiologists. How about the doctors who keep pointing out that the coronavirus is mainly a problem for people over 70 and those with specific health problems? (See [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).) The president should listen to experts in other fields, too. A country is more than an economy, but it's also more than a virus. If we listened only to emergency room doctors, we might come away convinced that we have to completely ban cars, alcohol and gummy bears. (Don't ask.) While taking a torts class in law school, I was afraid to sit under a chandelier, order a flaming dessert or stand at a train stop. Playwright Arthur Miller once told a story about a geologist who remarked that life was possible even in the vast American desert. All you needed was water, he said, and the largest reservoir on the globe was located right under the Rockies. But how would he get it? Simple – drop a couple of atomic bombs. But what about the fallout? "Oh," said the geologist, "that's not my field." Today, the epidemiologists are prepared to nuke the entire American economy to kill a virus. What about the jobs, the suicides, the heart attacks, the lost careers, the destruction of America's wealth? Oh, that's not my field.

Why I hated Wisconsin (2020-03-26 12:04)

Not only did the Lutheran Church (ELCA) have Jurgen Habermas, but I was an only child. Everybody was reading *One Dimensional Man* by Herbert Marcuse. Seriously. They say they didn't buy anything material with their paychecks like in the book. What's worst, is these socialist didn't care about what I owned. Friends and family could care less. I had videogames, cds, dvds, blurays, and PCs. Then everybody cared about their (friends/family) motorcycles or siblings or ATVs or snowmobiles or boats.

In the 1990s, when my world wasn't 100 % contaminated with Jurgen Habermas, I had that cousin who would come over and play with my stuff, LEGOS, maybe watch Cartoon Network, Disney Channel, and Nickelodeon with me. I got to go to state fairs with them.

Now former friends are on Snapchat taking videos of their family, their family comments on their posts. My communist family could care less about my stuff. Fuck them! Not sure my friends are socialist too, not as cultural marxist as my family, but shit is getting real.

Then the last few years it got plain evil. There was nepotism, favoritism, and ageism in the company I was hired in. I got very little recognition! They eventually laid me off.

In 2020, nobody visits me because they're afraid of Covid 19. Insane!

Now you know why I wanted to renounce my US citizenship or move to Canada, or New Zealand. I'm pissed at 2019 and 2020.

Is the Pandemic Killing Biden's Bid? (2020-03-31 09:31)

"This is the question that is going to dominate the election: How did you perform in the great crisis?" So says GOP Congressman Tom Cole of Oklahoma in today's New York Times. GOP National Committeeman Henry Barbour of Mississippi calls the crisis "a defining moment... The more (Trump) reassures Americans, gives them the facts and delivers results, the harder it will be for Joe Biden." Indeed, it is not a stretch to say Trump's presidency will stand or fall on the resolution of the coronavirus crisis and how Trump is perceived as having led us in that battle. Recent polls appear to confirm that. Though daily baited by a hostile media for being late to recognize the severity of the crisis, in one Gallup poll a week ago, Trump was at 49 % approval, the apogee of his presidency, with 60 % of the nation awarding him high marks for his handling of the pandemic. What was the public's assessment of how Trump's antagonists in the media have performed in America's great medical crisis? Of 10 institutions, with hospitals first, at 88 % approval, the media came in dead last, the only institution whose disapproval, at 55 %, exceeded the number of Americans with a favorable opinion of their performance. The media are paying a price in lost reputation with the nation they claim to represent by reassuming the role of "adversary press" in a social crisis where, whatever one's view of Donald Trump, the country wants the president to succeed. If Biden begins to mimic a hostile media, baiting Trump at every turn, pointing out conflicts in his views, Joe will invite the same fate the media seem to have brought upon themselves. Since that Gallup poll, Trump has been seen daily by millions in the role of commander in chief. He speaks from the podium in the White House briefing room or the Rose Garden just outside the Oval Office. He is invariably flanked by respected leaders in medicine, science, business and economics. All appear as Trump allies, and Trump treats them as his field commanders in the war on the virus. And Joe Biden? He pops up infrequently in interviews out of the basement of his Delaware home where, sheltering in place, he reads short scripted speeches from a teleprompter. And Biden's presence has been wholly eclipsed by daily televised appearances of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who is at the epicenter of the crisis in New York. Cuomo is taking on the aspect of both rival and partner to Trump. What Trump is doing calls to mind Richard Nixon's "Rose Garden strategy" in 1972. Though goaded by the press, Nixon avoided attacking his opponent, George McGovern, and declined to engage him on issues. Instead, Nixon used the Rose Garden to highlight popular initiatives. Candidate Nixon's campaign strategy in 1972 was not to campaign. But if Biden cannot gather crowds to hear him in a time of social distancing, how does he get his message out? How does he attack Trump without appearing to undermine the president in his role as a wartime commander in chief, where America wants Trump to succeed? How does a basement-bound Biden compete with Trump in the Oval Office, Cabinet Room, East Room and Rose Garden? Whom does Biden call upon to rival Trump's instant access to respected leaders eager to come and stand beside the president in the most serious crisis since World War II? How does Biden recapture the spotlight of Super Tuesday? Sen. Bernie Sanders wants Biden to come out and debate. But that seems a no-win proposition. Moreover, when Biden appears on camera, he often seems confused and forgetful, loses his train of thought and doesn't remember what he came to say. The sense that Biden is losing it is taking hold, and not only on the Republican right. Democrats have to be looking closely at Cuomo's success, as they wonder how Biden will stand up in the debates with Trump six months from now. And what lies ahead for Democrats when spring turns into summer? The Tokyo Olympics, scheduled to begin July 24, have been postponed until 2021. The Democratic National Convention, scheduled for Milwaukee even earlier in July, has yet to be postponed. But if Tokyo recognizes it would be a terrible risk to the health of athletes and spectators to have people come from all over the world to Japan this summer, would it not also be an intolerable risk to have Americans from all 50 states and U.S. territories arrive for a week of mingling in midsummer in Milwaukee? For Biden to win this election, Trump must lose it. And the one way

Trump can lose it is the perception on the part of a majority of Americans that he has proven an ineffectual president in America's worst pandemic since the Spanish flu of 1918. If Trump is seen as the victor over the virus, Biden is toast.

2.4 April

Are Democrats Channeling Their Inner Lenin? (2020-04-01 08:27)

As we approach November 2020, Democrats are having their "October 1917" moment.

Just as the Russian Social Democratic Labour Party back then was divided between the moderate Mensheviks and the more radical Bolsheviks, so too the modern American Democratic Party is divided between the moderate socialists like Joe Biden, Amy Klobuchar and Steve Bullock and the radical socialists like Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. Based on what happened during the Russian Revolution a century ago, I would strongly advise Bullock and Klobuchar (and especially Tim Ryan and John Delaney) to buy bulletproof vests or seriously consider relocating to Mexico. That bought Leon Trotsky an extra 10 years before he was finally dispatched by Comrade Stalin to socialist heaven.

Biden is doing his best to rally the moderate socialists (isn't that an oxymoron?), but his willingness to shift positions on fundamental moral issues suggests that he lacks all conviction, while the worst of his Bolshevik opponents like Kamala Harris and Sanders are full of passionate intensity that threatens to overthrow the moral order altogether.

But maybe that's the point.

Communist agitator Michael Moore, who is in large measure the theorist of the American left, told Brian Williams on MSNBC following the second debate, "Only revolution at this point is going to defeat Donald J. Trump. Only people rising up, and doing the work that needs to be done, is going to remove him from office. Our side needs to treat Trump seriously. He's not a joke anymore. He's the real deal and he humiliated all of us by losing the election and then being given the keys to the Oval Office."

In case you didn't figure it out, Trump is playing the role of Czar Nicholas II in this replay of the Russian Revolution, but he's proving much more resilient than the czar, having outwitted and outlasted the Democrats at every turn so far. Back in 1917, the czar was forced to abdicate during March. That was the Democrat plan for March this year too. The Mueller Report was supposed to send Trump into exile or house arrest or at least into an impeachment trial, but the president stubbornly refuses to cooperate with his own demise.

Meanwhile, just as in the period between the February Revolution and the October Revolution in 1917, the "Social Democratic Labour" forces (hereinafter "the Democrats") are turning against each other in a contest of ideological purity. That was on full display on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, when even the previously sainted Barack Obama was under attack. By the end of the second night, if he were still a saint, it must have been St. Sebastian, pierced by multiple arrows. Turns out that the signature achievement of his presidency — Obamacare — was a gift to the big bad insurance industry, and his immigration policy was a heartless betrayal of the working class. Or something like that.

What is ironic about how the Democrats want to depose Trump is that, whereas Nicholas II oversaw the collapse of the Russian economy in World War I, Donald Trump has led the United States back to prosperity. Whereas the czar oppressed the lower classes in Russia, this president has helped African Americans and other minorities achieve greater economic independence.

A few of the endangered species of moderate Democrats on the debate stage last week were willing to defend President Obama, but that just meant they had to be even more vicious in their hatred of President Trump so they could establish their bona fides as legitimate revolutionaries. In case there was any doubt, they could just call Trump a racist or a criminal thug and that settled the matter.

Whoever said the revolution will not be televised must not have heard about CNN. "The most trusted name in news," as CNN bills itself, happily played the role of Pravda in promoting this mindless march toward dictatorship of the proletariat (don't worry — it's temporary!). The decision to let radical leftist Don Lemon play a neutral journalist during the debates added insult to injury. It was the equivalent of asking a shark to host a beach party.

Of course, President Trump took all of this in stride. In fact, he has encouraged the Democrats to embrace their inner communist (Marianne Williamson may have taken this a little too literally!) as they march in lockstep toward their landslide defeat in 2020. Republicans have been a little slow to recognize Trump's political genius, but remember that he was the one who established the coming election as a battle between capitalism and socialism.

As he said Thursday at his campaign rally in Cincinnati, "Tonight we renew our resolve that America will never be a socialist country — never ever ever will it be a socialist country. No matter what label they use, a vote for any Democrat in 2020 is a vote for the rise of radical socialism, and the destruction of our great, our beautiful, our wonderful American dream."

Is that too much? Is that divisive rhetoric? Yep, it divides the patriots from the globalists. This is war, but it's only revolution if it succeeds. Trump is "all in" to prevent that from happening.

The hand-to-hand combat that Trump engages in with the enemy on a daily basis is a bit too much for some dainty Republicans, but he's been loudly defended by loyalists such as Sen. Steve Daines of my home state of Montana, who recently introduced a resolution to condemn socialism.

It's hard to believe we have reached the point, nearly 30 years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, where we need to take a vote on whether or not communism sucks, but sadly we do. And even worse, in some states the outcome of such a vote would be in doubt. It might not even be able to pass muster in the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives.

I will wait eagerly to see how many Democratic presidential candidates have the audacity to vote against the resolution. If they do — if Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Kirsten Gillibrand, and Cory Booker refuse to vote to condemn socialism — then Trump has already won. But don't tell him that. Watching him campaign is too much fun

America Still a Global Leader Even in a Time of Crisis (2020-04-01 22:24)

bal myth alleges that America under the Trump administration is not leading the world fight against the coronavirus in its accustomed role as the postwar global leader. Yet the U.S. was the first major nation to issue a travel ban on flights from China, with Donald Trump making that announcement on Jan. 31. That was a bold act. It likely saved thousands endangered by Chinese perfidy and soon became a global model. None of the ban's loud critics are today demanding it be rescinded. In typically American fashion, as we have seen in crises from Pearl Harbor to 9/11, after initial shock and unpreparedness, the U.S. economic and scientific juggernaut is kicking into action. Already the U.S. is transitioning from a long, disastrous reliance on Chinese medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. In ad hoc fashion, companies are gearing up massive production of masks, ventilators and key anti-viral supplies. The number of known deaths from the virus – for now the only reliable data available – shows a fatality rate of about 7-8 per million people in the United States. That per capita toll is analogous to Germany's and one of the lowest in the world among larger nations. The U.S. economy in 2019 – with its near-record-low unemployment, inflation and interest rates – was the most robust in the world. It will soon be the key to rebooting global production and trade. Confronting China over patent and copyright theft, technological appropriation, dumping and currency manipulation was not just in the U.S. interest, but for the global good. A reckless and disingenuous China poses an existential threat to countries across the globe. The only world bulwark against Chinese propaganda and bullying remains U.S. economic and military power. Despite accusations of growing isolationism at a time of a worldwide pandemic, the U.S. still stations 200,000-250,000 troops abroad. Those assets ensure that no hostile power in the present crisis will opportunistically threaten European and Asian democracies. Record U.S. natural gas and oil production have helped lower global home heating and transportation costs. Among the biggest beneficiaries are Europe and Japan, the largest customers for Russia and the Middle East's unreliable energy production. The radical increase in American natural gas productions helps explain why the U.S. has made more progress in reducing carbon emissions than the signatories of the Paris climate accord. That voluntary agreement has had little success in curbing the planet's largest carbon emitters. Even as the U.S. registered robust economic growth of nearly 2.5 percent, it nonetheless reduced its carbon emissions by 0.5 percent in 2017 (the latest year for which data is available), which was the largest reduction in the world. The

truth is that the free world would be a safer and more secure place if Europe, not the U.S., acted more responsibly. Individual European Union countries have junked their utopian EU brotherhood and are reverting to nationalist self-interests. Fracking natural gas, with less reliance of coal-fired power plants, might have allowed European nations to meet their Paris climate accord promises. Italy and other European countries have been especially vulnerable to Chinese mercantile pressure and have mortgaged their economic futures to Beijing, with disastrous results. If the European Union produced more of its own gas and oil, it would not empower Moscow and the Middle East through its colossal importation of their energy. And if NATO countries just met their obligation to spend 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense, then the West would not be so vulnerable in such times of crisis. NATO nations could more effectively draw on their military and health resources to fight the virus. Nor has the United Nations been much help. Its World Health Organization simply parroted Chinese propaganda in the key initial weeks of the virus. WHO claimed in mid-January that there was no human-to-human transmission, then suggested weeks later that a travel ban on Chinese flights would have little value in combatting the spread of the virus. Both were lies but were welcomed by the Chinese government. Where the West is deficient is in the current lack of imagination of its most hallowed institutions. Universities in the United States and Europe are in suspension. They currently have hundreds of thousands of empty dorm rooms. Why not offer them as temporary refuges to the vulnerable homeless and poor? Given the epidemic of misinformation, millions need accurate data. But poor readers are barricaded from major news websites by expensive firewalls. Required subscriptions to the New York Times and Washington Post, for example, could be temporarily waived – at least for any articles that offer key information concerning the coronavirus. Throughout the outbreak, the media have promulgated sensationalism and helped fan the hysteria. It could better use its muckraking journalists to police itself. Any laxity in fighting the virus is not to be found with the U.S., but rather with its loudest and most opportunistic critics

Things to Be Grateful for (2020-04-02 08:17)

1. I'm grateful for private enterprise and American business. There is none better anywhere. Our news is filled with stories of companies such as Under Armour, Ford, GM, JoAnn Fabrics, My Pillow, and Vera Bradley that are pitching in to help make hospital gowns, ventilators and masks. According to the trade association Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, nearly 600 distilleries in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are making hand sanitizer. And then there are the countless smaller local businesses providing meals for students who cannot attend school, first responders, health care workers and others on the front line; making charitable donations; or just continuing to pay their employees as long as possible.
2. I'm grateful for factory employees, truckers, warehouse workers and all others instrumental to keeping the supply chain intact.
3. I'm grateful for our big-box stores, grocery stores and pharmacies that have stayed open, and for the employees who work there and have kept needed items in stock.
4. I'm grateful for the authors, artists, musicians, actors and other entertainers who are using all forms of media to perform for us, our families and our children as we "shelter in place" for what will likely be several weeks.
5. I'm grateful for the teachers, administrators and staff members – especially the information technology professionals – who have made it possible for our preschool, grade school, high school and college students to transition from live instruction to online learning.
6. I'm grateful for the incredible dedication of all our health care professionals, many of whom are working long hours day after day with little sleep, few resources and far too many terribly sick patients.

7. I'm grateful for our form of government – a democratic republic – and for federalism, which allows the smaller governments of our states and territories to respond to the unique challenges they face while our federal government coordinates national and international efforts.
8. I'm grateful for leaders who have the ability to make needed decisions in a crisis, and to pivot quickly as the most up-to-date information arrives.
9. I'm grateful for our Constitution. It hovers like a silent blessing over all of us. It ensures that our liberties will remain when this disease has run its course, and that the extraordinary measures now in place will no longer be needed.
10. I'm grateful for Western medicine, scientists, information and knowledge, and the technology that enables that information and knowledge to be more widely disseminated.
11. I'm grateful for social media and the technological innovations that enable us to remain connected even though we are separated.
12. I'm grateful for the fact that those of us inclined to call upon God in prayer need not feel embarrassed for doing so.
13. I'm grateful for charitable organizations that are working hard to meet the ongoing needs of the people they serve – the poor; the homeless; those with disabilities or other unmet needs; veterans; single parents; orphaned children. When we are all needy, we can better appreciate those for whom illness, unemployment or isolation is not a temporary situation.
14. I'm grateful for the innumerable kindnesses of people too many to count across America – and, indeed, across the world – who are doing whatever they can for anyone they can as long as it is necessary

March Saw the Biggest Gun Sales on Record (2020-04-03 21:52)

March saw the biggest gun sales on record. And with many states and local governments shutting down gun stores in March, there were

clearly many people who wanted guns but couldn't get them. The true demand for guns was undoubtedly even much higher.

The 2.3 million background checks completed during March were 29 percent higher than the busiest month in 2016, the previous yearly high, when people were fearful that Hillary Clinton's election would lead to gun bans.

The run on gun stores has overwhelmed the gun background-check system. Licensed dealers have told me that they are getting busy signals whenever they try contacting the relevant federal and state agencies. They say that they are having an "impossible" time completing background checks. If the system worked correctly, gun sales would have been still higher.

There may not be any apocalypse in store for Americans, but people have legitimate concerns about the limitations of police protection amidst a pandemic. More than 6,100, or 17 %, of New York City's police officers called out sick on Wednesday. At the same time, 911 calls in the city have hit record highs. Some people have to wait a long time for help.

Meanwhile, a fifth of Detroit's police force is quarantined and not able to do its job.

The Philadelphia Police Department went so far as to order officers to stop making arrests for many non-violent crimes.

Many departments are issuing masks, goggles, and gloves to their officers. But in the often rough-and-tumble process of making arrests, police come in very close physical contact with offenders.

Some criminals with the coronavirus are actively trying to infect police officers, for example by coughing in officers' faces. "I don't think it's too far to say that officers are scared out there," said Sgt. Manny Ramirez, president of Fort Worth Police Officers Association.

Telecommuting isn't an option for police, and their jobs are now even more dangerous than usual. Many departments across the country have understandably scaled back policing in an effort to limit officers' potential exposure to the disease.

Thirty-four states are releasing some prison inmates early to try to prevent spread of the virus within the close quarters of jails. 1,700 inmates have already been released from the Los Angeles County jail, and another 2,800 cases being reviewed. Jails across California are making similar releases.

On Saturday, the US Department of Homeland Security updated its list of "essential" businesses to include gun stores. Twenty states are now using the list to determine what industries should be exempted from stay-at-home orders.

Many places that have banned gun sales have moved to at least somewhat relax restrictions. Pennsylvania Democratic Governor Tom Wolf reversed his original order that gun stores must close, though operations are still severely restricted. Gun stores are permitted "to complete only the portions of a sale/transfer that must be conducted in-person under the law," and only by prior appointment. New Jersey Democratic Governor Phil Murphy also rescinded his previous ban after the new federal guidance was issued, but adopted similar, strict regulations on how gun stores can operate. Citing the federal memorandum, Los Angeles County has also reversed a previous ban.

But gun control activists aren't happy with the increase in gun sales. "This is a contemptible and exploitative move by the gun lobby to put industry profits over public safety," said Kris Brown, president of the Brady Campaign. "There is no constitutional right to immediately buy or sell guns and there is certainly no right to spread coronavirus while buying or selling guns." As to the Department of Homeland Security recommendations, she said, "There is no way politics isn't playing a role in this."

Ms. Brown doesn't really explain how people can have a right to own a gun but not have a right to buy them.

When police can't be there to provide protection from a criminal, people are far safer if they have a gun. That is particularly true for the most vulnerable citizens, such as women and the elderly. With a gun, a defender's physical strength doesn't really matter.

This surge in gun sales is likely to continue, and may even increase, at least if the government fixes bottlenecks in the background check system. With police cutting back their efforts and prisons releasing criminals, Americans have every right to be cautious and get ready to defend themselves and their families. They should not hesitate to do so

Ways the US economy will change post-Covid 19 (2020-04-04 21:46)

Things will be different whenever the hell that is the coronavirus pandemic ends.

That may be overly cliché, but it is true. The pandemic will fundamentally change

work, education, government and journalism in ways good and bad.

Arguably, the biggest change will be work.

Many employers and employees have come to the realization that traditional workspaces are redundant. As we are seeing with the coronavirus, or COVID-19, it is possible for many to work remotely, at least for those still with jobs.

Remote work was already trending. Just think of the so-called gig economy. However, the pandemic has shown employers across multiple sectors that tremendous sums of money otherwise spent on the overhead of physical workspaces can be saved by shifting more employees to remote work.

Then there is business travel, though the hotel industry will surely offer generous incentives to stimulate meetings and events after months of cancellations. But many road warriors accustomed to crisscrossing the country by plane for meetings will be reduced to endless video conferencing, which will impact the way airlines recover from COVID-19.

Likewise, technology will transform education post-pandemic.

Some K-12 schools are fully online while others canceled the remainder of the school year as the logistical challenges and financial costs of shifting to remote instruction are insurmountable in rural or impoverished areas. At the same time, many colleges transitioned to virtual classrooms literally overnight.

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Political leaders at the state and federal levels would be wise to pressure institutions into not returning to the old model of higher education, which is both broken and simply unaffordable. Remote classes could and should cut the expense of a college education.

The same technology that enables remote work and education is also transforming the way in which government conducts business for the people.

Townships, school boards, city councils and county commissioners are holding virtual meetings purportedly to flatten the curve. Yet, this is really quite bad for representative government as it poses a direct threat to transparency, accountability and public access.

The reason why federal and state constitutions stipulate a central capital as the seat of government is simple: It prevents, in the words of the Declaration of Independence, the calling of "legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant."

Thus, it is troubling when Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and others use questionable authority to suspend open-meetings or access-to-records laws by decree. These actions create a precedent that will surely be abused in the future by government, which all too often is loathe to transparency in the first place.

The coronavirus could also be the death knell for print journalism, notwithstanding #newspapersstillmatter on

Twitter.

To be fair, the obituary for newspapers has been written before and yet print is still here. But the economic collapse caused by the country's ongoing shutdown has killed off what remained of newspaper advertising.

Many voices in the chattering class welcome this as they believe the future rests not with commercial publishers, but rather nonprofit journalism. While there are examples of success, it is impossible to see how this model can replace local daily newspapers outside enclaves of gentry liberals

In The Face Of Wuhan Coronavirus, The Left Tries To Silence Truth (2020-04-10 12:47)

In the midst of one of our nation's most sobering episodes, an episode that has forced tens of millions onto the unemployment rolls, rendered nearly the entire nation on some form of shelter in place

order, and seen wartime powers enacted to support the rapid production of critically needed equipment for healthcare workers; activists on the left have chosen to file frivolous litigation against the very people speaking truth—Sean Hannity, Laura Ingraham, Tucker Carlson, and Fox News more generally.

Is it really too much to ask, given the stark reality facing our country, that Americans from all ends of the political spectrum come together to face down the coronavirus pandemic as a unified front? Apparently, for the activist lawyers at the leftist Washington League for Increased Transparency & Ethics, or WASHLITE, it is indeed too much to ask and is instead viewed as the perfect time to further divide our nation and attack the very people, arguably some of the only people, who have consistently provided reliable coverage since the beginning of the pandemic.

WASHLITE has filed what appears to be a clearly frivolous lawsuit against Fox News alleging that the network has aired false information about the coronavirus and demanded an injunction to prevent Fox from “interfering with or undermining the legitimate control measures” while the pandemic persists. In other words, these liberal activist lawyers want to silence Fox News during the remainder of this emergency.

Lawfare, “the misuse of legal systems and principles against an enemy,” is a common tactic of the American left. They utilize Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) like ammunition in battle, intended to silence, damage, delegitimize or otherwise destroy their political opponents. It's a disgusting exploitation of the American judicial system and defending against such frivolous attacks has proven to be an expensive and time-consuming endeavor.

In the situation involving Fox News, there are two primary elements of the case that must be evaluated to fully understand the juvenility of WASHLITE's complaint. First, who—beyond just the broader organization—is behind the organization responsible for the lawsuit, and second, the merits of their overarching argument.

To accomplish the first point, look no further than WASHLITE board member Arthur West, who, according to reports, is not an attorney, but rather a former auto mechanic that “earns what he describes as a handsome living as a professional public-interest plaintiff.” Additionally, if not shockingly, the Daily Beast reports, “West said he has been arrested numerous times in protest and civil-disobedience incidents, but claimed the rewards of successful lawsuits have allowed him to afford a lovely house in Olympia, Wash., overlooking Puget Sound and a fleet of pricey sports cars.”

A “fleet of pricey sports cars”? Perennial plaintiffs like WASHLITE do not help the common good. They do not help the public at-large. They do not keep our communities safer. They do, however, as evidenced by Mr. West's own comments to the Daily Beast, enrich themselves—hardly a noble use of the greatest justice system in the history

of the world.

On the merits of the complaint, WASHLITE falls far short of credible, even eliciting a rebuke from former Fox News anchor Megan Kelly when she tweeted “anyone filing such a lawsuit would be laughed out of court and likely sanctioned by the court for filing a frivolous lawsuit.”

Let’s take a look at the facts.

Fox News was the first cable news outlet to mention the coronavirus and has conducted more than 80 interviews with members of the Coronavirus Task Force including Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Since WASHLITE has targeted Fox News for apparently not being credible enough, take note that Fox has done more interviews with members of the Coronavirus Task Force than all of the other TV news networks combined.

Moreover, Fox News has consistently maintained what is likely the most diverse and in-depth coverage of the pandemic since its outset. Consider that way back on January 13th, while the Democrat mainstream media was smothering the country in Adam Schiff and Nancy Pelosi’s sham impeachment circus, Fox News was already on the record reporting that the “mysterious viral pneumonia outbreak in China claim[ed] its first victim.” In fact, the first mention of the coronavirus on cable news came on the January 17th The Ingraham Angle program and the first television interview with Dr. Fauci was on Special Report on January 28th.

Sean Hannity’s early coverage was near prophetic when on his January 24th program he stated, “they are closing movie theaters, there’s only two cases in the U.S., I don’t want to alarm anybody but it seems like maybe they didn’t tell the world the truth which concerns me.” As we now know, China, conspiring with the World Health Organization, suppressed and omitted critical information related to the outbreak that, had it been made publicly available, would have quite likely significantly altered the course of global events and potentially saved thousands of lives. It was Sean Hannity, not the likes of Rachel Maddow or Anderson Cooper, to first raise these salient points.

From Ingraham to Hannity, Carlson to Regan and Judge Jeanine to Cavuto, Fox News has been consistent, aggressive and timely in their coverage of this pandemic. Conversely, the liberal mainstream media has been, at best, asleep at the wheel, and more aptly, willfully neglectful, not to mention panic-inciting, in their coverage.

Unconvinced? Take Vox news’ now-deleted January 31st tweet as proof, “Is this going to be a deadly pandemic? No.” Or this statement from March 4th made on CNN’s Anderson Cooper program, “if you’re freaked out at all about the coronavirus, you should be more concerned about the flu.”

I could transcribe thousands of words from the mainstream media consistently making contradictory statements about the coronavirus. When President Trump shows exceptional leadership and takes swift action, the media downplays the virus’ severity to undermine the president, then not minutes later on the same programs the media will interview a guest claiming the sky is falling and that it is a health imperative that the strictest of stay at home orders be enacted.

The simple fact remains, Fox News has done and continues to provide the public with reliable, trustworthy coverage of the coronavirus pandemic, while WASHLITE and activist attorneys like them who operate as attack dogs for the radical left abuse our legal system, exploiting it for their own selfish, financial and political gain. This kind of lawfare is a direct assault on all Americans with the clear intent of chilling free speech and undermining the First Amendment—as a free society, we must resoundingly rebuke these bad actors’ behavior

Will Post-Wuhan Coronavirus America Blaze New Trails or Just Keep Hunkering Down? (2020-04-10 12:53)

On my daily walk down a side street, I saw the restaurant with a diagonal cross made of adhesive tape on its sign. Gone was the notice that it would open for takeout; it looked to be closed for good.

Although I'm aware that most restaurants go out of business within a few years or even months, I felt a certain sadness. The owners and staff members lost their jobs and perhaps their dreams through no fault of their own and for reasons they couldn't have anticipated just a few weeks ago.

I'm guessing they'd like to go back to that time now, as most of us would. I have been thinking about this amid news reports that social isolation and other measures have made sufficient progress against the virus.

But we're not going back to that exact normal life we remember. Even if restrictions are relaxed, many people will likely be reluctant to do things that seemed normal before – eating restaurant meals, fingering merchandise in clothing stores, attending mass events.

Governments' powers to control people's movements and restrict their behavior are, for good reasons, greatest in times of epidemics and wars. For that reason, many compare the limits and restrictions imposed in this and other countries with those during what some people still call "the war," World War II. The government shut down large parts of the economy, and people were prevented from buying most consumer goods.

But there is a big difference. In today's crisis, most people are confined to their home. In World War II, millions of Americans were moved across the country and around the world. The war got them to places they otherwise may never have seen. The novel coronavirus forces people to hunker down.

In both emergencies, people put up with restrictions and rules that would have been considered tyrannical in other circumstances, albeit there was a little more rule-breaking and regulation dodging than was usually mentioned during the war or later, and there is a certain amount of that today.

Government powers are maximized in wars and epidemics, even though government remains inefficient. During World War II, there were constant complaints about bottlenecks, shortages, black markets, wildcat strikes and price gouging. This year rigid bureaucracies at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration blocked production of workable coronavirus tests for precious weeks.

Politicians are attracted to policies designed to maintain the pre-pandemic economy, to let it spring back into existence after what is hoped to be a brief period. But actually, "we need for the economy to be very dynamic," economist Arnold Kling argues. "It's not just that we need less of some activities, such as serving good (sic) in restaurants. We need more of other activities, including manufacturing masks, delivering food, and making sure that electricity and Internet service are available and even ramped up, if necessary."

The economy proved to be unexpectedly dynamic after World War II. Almost every economist had predicted that after the government shut off heavy wartime spending, the economy would plunge back into a 1930s-style depression. Instead, something like the opposite happened: the flowering of a vibrant postwar prosperity that is looked back on lovingly by both liberals and conservatives.

High geographic mobility was an important ingredient in this. People used to being shunted around by the military started moving around the country on their own. Midwesterners moved to California; Southern blacks and mountain whites to northern cities; city dwellers to newly sprouting suburbs. In recent decades, analysts have

lamented Americans' declining geographic mobility. But that decline may have just been a return to the norm after the extraordinary migrations set in motion by the war.

Geographic mobility also produced economic gains, which foundered after a generation but were then revived by deregulation of transportation and communications in the 1970s and 1980s – repeal of 1930s New Deal policies that were intended to freeze the 1929 economy into place.

Government restrictions to combat the coronavirus may not end as crisply as those of World War II, but even if they do, it's not clear whether that would produce something like the effervescence of post-World War II prosperity. Not only are restaurants and hospitality industries unlikely to snap back but also, more importantly, it's not clear that people kept mostly in place indoors will be inspired to venture into new economic enterprises.

Sentimentally, Americans may want things to go back to where they were, but they will be better off if they let their imaginations run loose and not keep hunkering down.

Five Reasons Why I Hate Working in Retail (2020-04-12 15:44)

Five things I hate about retail

Managers: they are directly influencing if you hate your job. If you have any fun at work. Many people at corporate say work isn't supposed to be fun. Fun is possible. I've done it before. I can be a hard worker but have fun at the same time. When I'm having fun, a lot gets done, the customers are happy because they see you're happy, and a better work place environment for everybody. A positive manager can change the entire atmosphere of a store. I would hate the manager that would give us busy work. Then another manager comes up and says, that busy work I'm doing, I shouldn't have done that. Then I say the other useless manager told me to set the tvs like that. And what the hell. They would yell at us for existing. They would nitpick anything they could say. I get if I'm not supposed to talk if there is customers around, but if there are no customers around, then what is wrong with that? You don't need to helicopter around the departments to make sure people aren't talking. I have things to do, I don't need stupid busy work.

#2 is customers who are barely below managers. The customers can make or break my day. Managers are number 1 because it's guaranteed that they will be there again whereas the customers are random bag. There are really cool customers that understands what my job is, that I'm a human being and treats me as such.. They treat me with respect, they care about my opinion. A terrible customer will come in and act like everything I said is a lie. Why don't the customer google it before coming in before that's how you're going to treat me. Depending where you work depends on the frequency, and at Circuit City and the gas station, this was moderate. There is constantly rude people coming in the store, not believing what I say, not believing things are out of stock, things you show on a computer and ask for a manager, they're looking to get me into trouble, they're cussing me out. They're going to make my day miserable.

That's why customers are near the top of the things I hate for retail. Customers look down on you, even if the customer is unemployed. It screws with my mentality

and flushes self esteem down the toilet

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hird, when a customer gets close to an associate like me I'm supposed to acknowledge them. This is like a NPC in Elder Scrolls V or Final Fantasy. "How are you?" "How can I help you?" Its a corporate direction, but its the wrong corporate direction. Corporate always seem like they're non-humans like they're out of touch! They think certain types of marketing will work, when they don't? Circuit City went bankrupt in 2008. They think acknowledge people will make them buy stuff like calling them guests make them feel more welcome to which is kinda creepy. Corporate is a weird overlord that you never really see. Its text on a page 9 times out of 10, and I need to follow it blindly or suffer severe consciences. They could tell you a lot of crazy stuff that you're not supposed to be doing during Covid 19.

Scheduling. Most people who are temporate workers don't get guaranteed days off. When I get days off, they're not together. I never get that relaxation period where I fully decompress. It's like Sunday. I can't stay up late. I have to worry about the next day. I can't really relax during the day. Saturday is great. I can go outside on Saturday. I can do whatever I want. I can stay up late. Friday is a close second. I can stay up late on Friday. I'll never fully relax unless I have Saturday and Sunday off. If I was part time, I don't know the hours every week at Circuit City. It takes a lot of time and effort to get a full time job at Circuit City. They cut it close to forty hours a week so they don't have to give me benefits. Corporate does a lot of stuff so I don't get benefits. There are a lot fo people in retail over 26 that need health insur

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nce benefits, because they're not on their parents insurance anymore. There are a lot of elderly who work at Circuit City who work there due to health care.

Number 5 is the dread that

I'm

never going to get out of retail. The likelihood that this job will be my job forever. I would go home, drained, not wanting to do anything, just die on the couch and play videogames! Ignoring my voices that this could be my job forever. This is when at Circuit City, I was surrounded my middle age

employees

and elderly working there for 15

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years.

If I have any of those 20 year pins, I'm screwed. I lost the game

theory

of life and there is no do-over. If you're in retail for 20 years, I feel for you. I have a college degree. Without a college degree in the 2000s, I could still feel the dread of staying in retail forever.

Millions Of Jobs Will Be Lost And Businesses Will Go Bankrupt If Our Politicians Don't Act Now
(2020-04-13 19:06)

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[2] Extraordinary orders locked down America, requiring us to stay in our homes in an effort to stop the rampant coronavirus outbreak. The government, along with top medical professionals, claim that we can avoid the dreaded fate of other countries by hunkering down at home and staying far away from other people.

It's completely understandable that the doctors and medical professionals in charge are calling for this historic measure. Their job is to solely focus on the horrific virus pandemic and help avoid countless casualties. The situation

in China, Italy and other countries was so frightening; it's hard to comprehend that it's really happening.

In our noble quest to eradicate the outbreak, we can't afford to lose sight of the nonhealth-related problems that could arise. The United States needs to wage two wars: one against the coronavirus and the second to save jobs and our economy.

We hope that people in high government positions are seriously focusing on the human costs of massive job losses that will follow this edict. The *Wall Street Journal* has already reported that the "[3]coronavirus-triggered downturn could cost five million U.S. jobs."

In addition to the efforts placed on fighting the lethal outbreak, our leaders should be acutely aware of the unintended consequences of the unprecedented lockdown. There will be serious repercussions for millions of Americans. The tragic result will be that businesses will go bankrupt and millions of Americans will lose their jobs.

For example, restaurants, which have been ordered to close and can only offer delivery or pickup, operate on a razor-thin profit margin. With the lack of patrons at their establishments, it's likely that many can't afford to pay the rent and all of the other costs due to the huge drop in customers. This will force many food establishments out of business. It will entail letting go all of the waiters, waitresses, cooks, chefs and workers.

Large corporations will feel the pain too. The hotel, resorts, airlines and retail sectors have been hit the hardest and have no choice but to lay off large numbers of workers.

According to top-tier investment bank Goldman Sachs, America is going to feel the largest economic hit on record with a painful [4]24 % plummet in our gross domestic production. Kevin Hassett, a former economist in Trump's administration, said alarmingly on CNN that if we all remain in our homes for six months, the outcome will be comparable to the Great Depression. Hassett asserts that the next official job report will be "the worst jobs number you ever saw."

Steven Mnuchin, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, issued a dire warning to senators last week stating that 20 % of the population could be unemployed if there isn't a comprehensive [5] \$1 trillion rescue package to bail out people and companies.

Americans filed a total of 281,000 new claims for unemployment benefits last week, strikingly up 70,000 from the prior week. The Economic Policy Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank, offered a serious warning, "Even with moderate fiscal stimulus, we're likely to see [6]3 million jobs lost by summertime." These figures have been echoed by analysts at Bank of America.

[7]CNBC reports that many workers lack sufficient savings to help them survive a layoff.

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I am a CEO, founder, and executive recruiter at one of the oldest and largest global search firms in my area of expertise, and have personally placed thousands of

Extraordinary orders locked down America, requiring us to stay in our homes in an effort to stop the rampant coronavirus outbreak. The government, along with top medical professionals, claim that we can avoid the dreaded fate of other countries by hunkering down at home and staying far away from other people.

It's completely understandable that the doctors and medical professionals in charge are calling for this historic measure. Their job is to solely focus on the horrific virus pandemic and help avoid countless casualties. The situation in China, Italy and other countries was so frightening; it's hard to comprehend that it's really happening.

In our noble quest to eradicate the outbreak, we can't afford to lose sight of the nonhealth-related problems that could arise. The United States needs to wage two wars: one against the coronavirus and the second to save jobs and our economy.

We hope that people in high government positions are seriously focusing on the human costs of massive job losses that will follow this edict. The *Wall Street Journal* has already reported that the " [12]coronavirus-triggered downturn could cost five million U.S. jobs ."

In addition to the efforts placed on fighting the lethal outbreak, our leaders should be acutely aware of the unintended consequences of the unprecedented lockdown. There will be serious repercussions for millions of Americans. The tragic result will be that businesses will go bankrupt and millions of Americans will lose their jobs.

For example, restaurants, which have been ordered to close and can only offer delivery or pickup, operate on a razor-thin profit margin. With the lack of patrons at their establishments, it's likely that many can't afford to pay the

rent and all of the other costs due to the huge drop in customers. This will force many food establishments out of business. It will entail letting go all of the waiters, waitresses, cooks, chefs and workers.

Large corporations will feel the pain too. The hotel, resorts, airlines and retail sectors have been hit the hardest and have no choice but to lay off large numbers of workers.

According to top-tier investment bank Goldman Sachs, America is going to feel the largest economic hit on record with a painful [13]24 % plummet in our gross domestic production. Kevin Hassett, a former economist in Trump's administration, said alarmingly on CNN that if we all remain in our homes for six months, the outcome will be comparable to the Great Depression. Hassett asserts that the next official job report will be "the worst jobs number you ever saw."

Steven Mnuchin, the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, issued a dire warning to senators last week stating that 20 % of the population could be unemployed if there isn't a comprehensive [14] \$1 trillion rescue package to bail out people and companies.

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Liberalism, Like the Wuhan Virus, Will Never Die (2020-04-15 23:39)

The media are outraged that President Trump is talking about re-opening the country, following their previous position that he sure was taking his sw

eat time at opening up the country.

Fortunately, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's death forecasts from the Wuhan coronavirus have shrunk from 1.7 million Americans in mid-March; to 100,000 to 200,000 two weeks ago, provided there were massive suppression efforts; to – most recently – 60,000.

Every week, it seems, we're another two weeks away from the "apex."

According to a model recently published in The New York Times, if Trump had issued social distancing guidelines just two weeks earlier – on March 2, rather than March 16 – instead of 60,000 Americans dying from the Chinese coronavirus (projected!), only 6,000 would have died.

If that's what a two-week quarantine would have done, then how about a four-week quarantine?

By the end of the month, 90 % of the country will have been shut down, quarantined and socially distancing for FOUR WEEKS. A majority of Americans have already been under these self-isolation rules for three weeks. (And most of the rest live in rural communities 16 miles from one another.)

Two weeks is the magic number. Test positive for the Wuhan: self-quarantine for two weeks. Come into contact with someone who has it: self-quarantine for two weeks. Traveling from New York, New Jersey or Connecticut: self-quarantine for two weeks.

With cold and flu viruses, people develop symptoms after just five days. But to be extra safe, we're assuming the Wuhan virus can be transmitted for a full two weeks after contact.

After two weeks, you're either sick or the infection has passed through you with no symptoms.

Again: It's been three. Does social distancing work or doesn't it?

After four weeks of self-isolation, won't 90 % of the country be Wuhan-free? Or are we in a sci-fi movie with a virus that can live forever without a host?

For the tiny percentage of the country not in self-isolation for the past three weeks, either because they are essential workers or because they are screw-offs, let's add them to the "vulnerable" list. Everyone take special precautions around doctors, nurses, grocery store employees and people who don't follow orders – just as we do around the elderly and immunocompromised.

By May 1, even most of the slackers will have worked through the Wuhan. There haven't been any large gatherings for them to attend, and almost everyone else has been staying 6 feet away from them. They've had a month to infect one another and either live or die.

In any event, unless all the claims about social distancing are nonsense, then a ONE-MONTH nationwide quarantine should have killed off the Wuhan in 90 % of us, allowing a return to mostly normal life. (It goes without saying that Trump's travel bans will have to remain in place.)

I notice that the same people telling Americans they must remain at home indefinitely were indignant about closing bathhouses in response to the AIDS epidemic. Back then, the media and all gays except Randy Shilts said: How dare you ask us to shut down the bathhouses! They're part of gay culture. It would be like asking Catholics to stop visiting the Sistine Chapel!

But putting the entire country under stay-at-home orders? No problem.

Another liberal about-face since the AIDS era gives me an idea for how to re-open the country.

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Liberals are furious with Trump for expressing optimism about the experimental drug hydroxychloroquine. When it came to AIDS, the gay community's successful campaign to compel the FDA to allow "compassionate" use of unapproved drugs was a civil rights milestone on the order of Selma.

In a 1990 editorial, for example, The New York Times praised the "educated and articulate" gay spokesmen for bringing about "changes in the traditional methods of testing drugs," adding that the new procedures were "a compassionate response to AIDS sufferers."

By contrast, today the media are absolutely ghoulish in their hope for hydroxychloroquine to fail. The drug is approved for malaria patients, so it's "safe"; it's simply not approved specifically to treat the Chinese virus.

The reason for the media's hostility to hydroxychloroquine is obvious: Trump expressed enthusiasm for the treatment, so liberals are required to take the opposite position.

It's just like the Democrats' recent infatuation with open borders. Until Trump, nearly every Democrat was for – or claimed to be for – border security, deporting criminal aliens and ending the anchor baby scam.

But as the Times' Frank Bruni said, Democrats are "defining themselves as antonyms to Trump." Why else, he wondered, would Democrats push policies like open borders, "which won't go down well with many of the voters the party needs"?

Perhaps we could use this liberal neurosis to our advantage. To re-open the country, we need Trump to come out against it

Wuhan Lab? (2020-04-18 12:05)

There is increasing confidence that the [1]COVID-19 outbreak likely originated in a Wuhan laboratory, though not as a bioweapon but as part of China's attempt to demonstrate that its efforts to identify and combat viruses are equal to or greater than the capabilities of the United States, multiple sources who have been briefed on the details of early actions by China's government and seen relevant materials tell Fox News.

This may be the "costliest government cover-up of all time," one of the sources said.

The sources believe the initial transmission of the virus – a naturally occurring strain that was being studied there – was bat-to-human and that "patient zero" worked at the laboratory, then went into the population in Wuhan.

The "increasing confidence" comes from classified and open-source documents and evidence, the sources said. Fox News has requested to see the evidence directly. Sources emphasized – as is often the case with intelligence – that it's not definitive and should not be characterized as such. Some inside the administration and the intelligence and epidemiological communities are more skeptical, and the investigation is continuing.

What all of the sources agree about is the extensive cover-up of data and information about COVID-19 orchestrated by the Chinese government.

Asked by Fox News' John Roberts about the reporting, President Trump remarked at Wednesday's coronavirus

press briefing, "More and more we're hearing the story...we are doing a very thorough examination of this horrible situation." Documents detail early efforts by doctors at the lab and early efforts at containment. The Wuhan wet market initially identified as a possible point of origin never sold bats, and the sources tell Fox News that blaming the wet market was an effort by China to deflect blame from the laboratory, along with the country's propaganda efforts targeting the U.S. and Italy.

U.S. Embassy officials [2]warned in January 2018 about inadequate safety at the Wuhan Institute of Virology lab and passed on information about scientists conducting risky research on coronavirus from bats, [3]The Washington Post reported Tuesday. In this Tuesday, March 10, 2020, photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping talks by video with patients and medical workers at the Huoshenshan Hospital in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province. (Xie Huanchi/Xinhua via AP)

Responding to the report, Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on Tuesday afternoon: "It should be no surprise to you that we have taken a keen interest in that and we've had a lot of intelligence take a hard look at that. I would just say at this point, it's inconclusive, although the weight of evidence seems to indicate natural, but we don't know for certain."

"Even today, I see them withholding information and I think we need to do more to continue to press them to share," [4]Secretary of Defense Mark Esper told "[5]America's Newsroom" on Wednesday, referring to China. Esper added that he wouldn't speak to "intelligence reporting," but that "most people believe it began naturally — it was organic, if you will. I think in due course, once we get through the pandemic we're in right now, there'll be time to look back and really ascertain what happened and make sure we have a better understanding so we can prevent this in the future."

Sources point to the structure of the virus, in saying the genome mapping specifically shows it was not genetically altered.

Speaking to "[6]The Story" Wednesday evening, [7]Secretary of State Mike Pompeo remarked: "What we do know is we know that this virus originated in Wuhan, China. We know there is the Wuhan Institute of Virology just a handful of miles away from where the wet market was. There is still lots to learn. You should know that the United States government is working diligently to figure it out."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo sits down with Martha MaCallum on 'The Story' to discuss the coronavirus pandemic and U.S.-China relations.

Concerning the State Department cables warning about the Wuhan laboratory, Pompeo said the installation "contained highly contagious materials — we knew that, we knew that they were working on this program, many countries have programs like this. In countries that are open and transparent, they have the ability to control them and keep them safe, and they allow outside observers in to make sure all the processes and procedures are right. I only wish that that had happened in this place."

On Thursday, [8]China's foreign ministry pushed back on the suspicion that the virus escaped from the facility, by citing statements from the World Health Organization that there is no evidence the [9]coronavirus came from a laboratory.

Americans were originally helping train the Chinese in a program called PREVENT well before the Chinese started working on this virus. The French government helped the Chinese set up the Wuhan lab.

China "100 percent" suppressed data and changed data, the sources tell Fox News. Samples were destroyed, contaminated areas scrubbed, some early reports erased, and academic articles stifled.

[10]STATE DEPT LEAKED CABLES RENEW THEORIES ON ORIGINS OF CORONAVIRUS

There were doctors and journalists who were "disappeared" warning of the spread of the virus and its contagious nature and human to human transmission. China moved quickly to shut down travel domestically from Wuhan to the rest of China, but did not stop international flights from Wuhan.

Additionally, the sources tell Fox News the World Health Organization (WHO) was complicit from the beginning in [11]helping China cover its tracks.

Commuters wear face masks to protect against the spread of new coronavirus as they walk through a subway station

in Beijing, Thursday, April 9, 2020. China's National Health Commission on Thursday reported dozens of new COVID-19 cases, including most of which it says are imported infections in recent arrivals from abroad and two "native" cases in the southern province of Guangdong. (AP Photo/Mark Schiefelbein)

[12]Trump [13]announced at the White House [14]coronavirus news briefing in the Rose Garden on Tuesday that the United States will immediately [15]halt all funding for the WHO, saying it had put "political correctness over lifesaving measures." The United States is the [16]WHO's largest single donor, and the State Department had previously planned to provide the agency \$893 million in the current two-year funding period.

Senior administrations separately tell Fox News the rollout of the president's "blueprint for reopening the U.S. economy" will happen Thursday afternoon, first for governors and then briefed to the press.

Meanwhile, Trump's own handling of the crisis has come into focus. On January 24, for example, Trump tweeted in praise of China's "[17]transparency" on coronavirus.

Though they were not speaking for the president, the sources ventured an explanation, saying it was diplomatic talk to make the Chinese "feel good" while the investigation was ongoing, with trade and other talks happening simultaneously.

In the six days after top Chinese officials secretly determined they likely were facing a pandemic from a new coronavirus, the city of Wuhan at the epicenter of the disease hosted a mass banquet for tens of thousands of people; millions began traveling through for Lunar New Year celebrations.

President Xi Jinping warned the public on the seventh day, Jan. 20. But by that time, more than 3,000 people had been infected during almost a week of public silence, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press and expert estimates based on [18]retrospective infection data.

"This is tremendous," said Zuo-Feng Zhang, an epidemiologist at the University of California, Los Angeles. "If they took action six days earlier, there would have been much fewer patients and medical facilities would have been sufficient. We might have avoided the collapse of Wuhan's medical system."

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Non-Essential Workers? Most Are in Government (2020-04-20 21:53)

There's a stark contrast in suffering between the private and public sectors in this era of unprecedented government intrusion into American life and business. Millions of mom-and-pop shops are shut

and their income is decimated and large-company employees are furloughed. But we hear virtually nothing about government workers being laid off – or even taking a pay cut.

Let that sink in: the folks whose work and taxes underwrite bureaucrat pay are cut off from livelihood while those they support in government are not only not hurting, but many are being given what are essentially paid vacations. And we're hearing talk about non-essential workers? The vast majority of non-essential jobs are in government.

Where are all the altruistic Fed, state and local workers who volunteer, as Trump has, to give up their salaries? How about those characters in Congress? We know about the swamp in D.C. There are mini-swamps nationwide which also need draining.

There's a huge revenue shortfall coming and when this fiasco is over it will be the ideal time to downsize government bodies large and small. Though we shouldn't hold our breath. Not only are these individuals not sharing the sacrifice now, even if we manage to move some of 'em out, most have generous – to say the least – pensions, also coming at taxpayer expense.

Astonishingly – or perhaps not, when you remember that Congress is doing it – hundreds of billions in relief spending is being distributed scattershot with no employment or means testing. And where is a good chunk of this money going? You guessed it. To the same government workers and bureaucrats who have had no cessation in their paychecks! (Brief government largesse might make a house or rent payment, but it comes at the expense of inflating and devaluing the rest of our currency.)

Private sector people, who make all other activities in this country possible, should chafe at the idea that theirs is a non-essential job. To whom? Certainly not to them and the families who depend on their income. Each day that goes by is a still-intangible cost of the current crisis and a lost opportunity for the satisfaction of a job well done.

Betsy McCaughey, former Lieutenant Governor of New York, writes, "Every 1 % hike in the unemployment rate will likely produce a 3.3 % increase in drug overdose deaths and a 0.99 % increase in suicides according to data provided by the National Bureau of Economic Research and the medical journal Lancet. These are facts based on experience, not models. ... Overall, the death rate for an unemployed person is 63 % higher than for someone with a job, according to findings in Social Science & Medicine."

We're near a tipping point where the cure will be harming more people than the disease.

Benjamin Franklin, the oldest and among the wisest of the founding generation, observed almost 250 years ago that "... when Men are employ'd they are best contented. For on the Days they work'd they were good-natur'd and chearful; and with the consciousness of having done a good Days work they spent the Evenings jollily; but on the idle Days they were mutinous and quarrelsome, finding fault with their Pork and their Bread, and in continual ill-humour."

Judging from the discontent and pushback nationwide, it's time to end the shutdown before it descends into civil disobedience.

America has been can-do from day one. It faced challenges head-on, not cowering and quarantined. Watch

this PragerU video about the recovery from the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The same situation pertains here. No matter what we do, more people will lose their lives, whether it's directly from the virus or a result of the hopelessness that comes from having no work – as demanded for month after month by Ivory Tower fools with protected wealth or regular government paychecks.

During the Vietnam War, the city of Ben Tre was nearly bombed into oblivion. The oft-misquoted excuse was that the city was destroyed “in order to save it.” We’re doing something similar to ourselves on our own shores.

A great and underappreciated president, Calvin Coolidge, said, “The chief business of the American people is business.” Silent Cal presided over the prosperous part of a decade which came to be known as the roaring twenties. How appropriate that another capable and business-friendly president, Donald Trump, is poised to facilitate a 21st-century ‘20s return to prosperity.

Let’s drain the swamp(s), Make America Great Again, Again, and put this miserable episode in the rear-view mirror

They Can’t Stop Us from Re-Opening America (2020-04-20 21:56)

We’re going to come out of this nightmare whether the Democratic politicians like it or not. The pandemic is subsiding, so America is done with this lockdown no

nsense, and the inevitable re-opening is coming. It will start out slow, then get faster, then get very, very fast, and then get finished. That’s how these things happen. But it won’t happen without #resistance. The lib establishment and its media gerbils clearly think it’s in their interest to have the Bat Gobbler flu crisis continue indefinitely. They think it hurts Trump, plus they really love wielding power over you. Just look into the dead doll eyes of Governor Karen (D-Minnouncousinigan) and you can see that forcing big box stores to tape off the seed section gives her a kind of erotic pleasure. It’s kind of creepy.

But people aren’t having any more of this Schiff. We’re done. We could deal with it when it looked like a commonsense thing to do, but now it’s just getting stupid. Things are getting better and they are doubling down on the social distance Stasi act. You got police departments tweeting that protest isn’t essential, but apparently being petty fascists is.

Over it!

We’ve seen the protests being, and we’re going to see more of them, but we’re also seeing silent rebellions. After weeks of disconcerting emptiness, the barren freeways of Los Angeles are suddenly filling up again with people who are voting with their feet and venturing back outside. While this paralysis may be a funfest for loser government workers, journalisandanistas, and other nonessential dorks who, for some reason, are still getting paychecks, it’s a disaster for everybody else and we are about done. We will no longer be the collateral damage of their power tripping.

It doesn’t help that Nancy Pelosi, whose last name is Italian for “Antoinette,” is prancing about on the air with Nimrod late-night hosts in front of her 24-grand dual freezers even as she holds up the PPP loans that we need to the country’s small business backbone alive and many of us employed.

Let them eat artisanal chocolate ice cream with James Corden, whoever the hell that is!

When you get a pink slip from your boss, you should write a thank you note to Nancy Pelosi because it’s her

and the rest of the Democrats that are screwing you over.

If there's anything that Trump knows it public opinion, and that's why he's championing re-opening the United States again and soon. I'm not one of those people who thought it was crazy to react to the Wuhan Flu at all, but it is crazy to keep reacting to Pangolin Fever forever. Time to Liberate the USA.

The pols slobbering at the chance to boss us around into 2021 or 2022 better get their heads right. There is no "new normal." There's just "normal," and that's what we need to go back to. We're not permanently avoiding each other (literally) like the plague, or wearing those dumb masks forever, or never again gathering in groups of more than five. I'm going to see the Psychedelic Furs, Blondie and the bat-curious goth rockers of Bauhaus in September, jerks, and that's just how it's going to be.

Hey, the great Chinese coronavirus panic was fun while it lasted, but it's done. The curve has been flattened. The numbers are dropping. All good things come to an end, and so must this.

There's no bright line that we will cross and know it is over. Different places will open up at different paces. There will just be one day when you look around and realize, "Hey, it stopped." I did a lot of disaster operations with the Army and there's the early part where you're out in uniform with guns and chaos reigns and everybody's freaking out and after a while, it kind of peaks and then suddenly you're walking around in uniform with guns and everyone else has gone back to their normal life and is looking at you funny. That's kind of where we're getting to now. This thing is over.

Yeah, I know the Wuhan bug is still out there, but we've got it under control now. We're going to start getting back to normal, although the Democrats will have to be dragged kicking and screaming because they love this. Power, economic devastation, and the ability to boss people around and oppress them these are the things they live for.

We're going to see a rush back to freedom. What's going to happen is conservative states are going to start opening up and they're going to start opening up soon. Then people in fascist nightmare states like California and New York are going to look over at Texas and North Dakota and the rest of free America that lies outside of the future People's Republic and wonder why the hell they are still getting yelled at for going to the beach. Pretty soon it'll be an avalanche as people demand to re-open. And then the stock market is going to soar and unemployment is going to come down and we're going to put this nightmare behind us. And Trump will get re-elected, which they fear more than any virus.

And once this ends, it's time to reevaluate. It's time to reevaluate all the science people who couldn't make an accurate model to save their or our lives. It's time to reevaluate all the globalist jerks who sold us out to China - hi Hoover Biden! And it's time to reevaluate all the Lil' Himmlers who enjoyed this all way too much.

But first we've got to re-open America, and that's going to happen faster than you think.

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Taos Hum from New Mexico (2020-04-21 12:28)

But the cause of the strange sound phenomenon remains unexplained. This article gives some clues of what might produce this annoying and sometimes lethal loud vibration.

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What We Know About The Hum

The mysterious Hum phenomenon is around since the 1950s and plagues people around the world, from Bristol, England to Taos in New Mexico, USA, Bondi in Sydney, Australia and Windsor in Ontario, Canada.

Only 2-4 % of people hear the noise. The low-frequency buzz is mostly heard indoors in rural and suburban locations. The rumbling sound can get louder during the night, and is very location specific: The Bristol Hum, The Taos Hum, The Bondi Hum, The Largs Hum, The Windsor Hum.

What is the Cause of The Humming noise?

The cause for the low-pitched roar is a mystery, although many scientific researchs have been written on the subject.

The most probable theories include:

exposure to industrial equipment;

high pressure gas lines;

wireless communication devices;

electrical power lines;

electromagnetic radiation; and

the mating calls of Midshipman fish

secret military experiments

submarine communication

alien activity.

Medical Origins of the Hum?

That humming noise isn't tinnitus (Ménière's disease). No link has been found between both although medical experts still suggest, it's a form of tinnitus.

Another medical theory suggests that the hum is caused by trembling of the tensor tympani muscle in the ear.

Dr David Baguley, head of audiology at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, estimates that environmental factors such a fridge, industrial fan or nearby factory may be the source of at least a third of cases.

His own theory – based on years of research – is that many sufferers' hearing has become over-sensitive concentrating the mind on certain frequencies of sound which it perceives as a threat.

What Are the Symptoms of The Hum?

Although it may sound like a minor inconvenience, many people claim that The Hum has had a massive negative impact on their quality of life.

For some individuals, the phenomenon was so terrible, it drove them to suicide.

Symptoms are Insomnia, pounding head, difficulty concentrating, dizziness, headache, burning skin, tension, pins and needles, muscle spasms, heart palpitations, nose bleeds, eye strain, ear pressure, nausea and fatigue, panic and desperation.

Solutions Against The Hum?

High quality microphones cannot record the sound. Moreover, people in the vicinity of the sufferer aren't hearing anything.

Ear plugs or hearing protectors do not help and in fact only seem to exaggerate the problem.

This suggests that the source makes the whole body vibrate at a frequency of around 10 MHz upwards, which is lower than the average person can hear.

As you may have understood it, there is no rational explanation for "the Hum". The theories range from motorway noise to the moans of the tormented souls in hell.

For you to learn more about the mysterious noise preparation, I have linked the most interesting lectures below. Enjoy!

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The US Air Force's radical plan for a future fighter could field a jet in 5 years (2020-04-21 20:18)

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Air Force is [1]preparing to radically alter the acquisition strategy for its next generation of fighter jets, with a new plan that could require industry to design, develop and produce a new fighter in five years or less.

On Oct. 1, the service will officially reshape its next-generation fighter program, known as [2]Next Generation Air Dominance, or NGAD, Will Roper, the Air Force's acquisition executive, said during an exclusive interview with Defense News.

Under a new office headed by a yet-unnamed program manager, the NGAD program will adopt a rapid approach to developing small batches of fighters with multiple companies, much like the Century Series of aircraft built in the 1950s, Roper said.

"Based on what industry thinks they can do and what my team will tell me, we will need to set a cadence of how fast we think we build a new airplane from scratch. Right now, my estimate is five years. I may be wrong," he said. "I'm hoping we can get faster than that — I think that will be insufficient in the long term [to meet future threats] — but five years is so much better than where we are now with normal acquisition."



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[4]Air Force Prepares to Hash Out Future Fighter Requirements

The Air Force is exploring a variety of technologies to help inform requirements for its next fighter plane.

By:

Valerie Insinna

The Century Series approach would be a notable departure from the Air Force's [5]former thinking on its future fighter. In its [6]"Air Superiority 2030" study released in 2016, the Air Force described a long-range, stealthy sensor-shooter called "Penetrating Counter Air," which would act as NGAD's central node networked with sensors, drones and other platforms. The Air Force would use prototyping to speed along key technologies in the hope of maturing them early enough for inclusion in advanced aircraft fielded in the early 2030s.

But what Roper calls the "Digital Century Series" would flip that paradigm: Instead of maturing technologies over time to create an exquisite fighter, the Air Force's goal would be to quickly build the best fighter that industry can muster over a couple years, integrating whatever emerging technology exists. The service would downselect, put a small number of aircraft under contract and then restart another round of competition among fighter manufacturers, which would revise their fighter designs and explore newer leaps in technology.

The result would be a networked family of fighters — some more interrelated than others — developed to meet specific requirements and including best-in-breed technologies aboard a single airframe. One jet might be optimized around a revolutionary capability, like an airborne laser. Another fighter might prioritize state-of-the-art sensors and[7] include artificial intelligence. One might be an unmanned weapons truck.

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[9]What's going on with America's next fighter designs?

The U.S. Air Force and Navy have ongoing efforts to create a new fighter design, but what does that look like?

By:

Aaron Mehta, Valerie Insinna, David Larter

But the point, Roper said, is that instead of trying to hone requirements to meet an unknown threat 25 years into the future, the Air Force would rapidly churn out aircraft with new technologies — a tactic that could impose uncertainty on [10]near-peer competitors like Russia and China and force them to deal with the U.S. military on its own terms.

Imagine “every four or five years there was the F-200, F-201, F-202 and it was vague and mysterious [on what the planes] have, but it's clear it's a real program and there are real airplanes flying. Well now you have to figure out: What are we bringing to the fight? What improved? How certain are you that you've got the best airplane to win?” Roper wondered.

“How do you deal with a threat if you don't know what the future technology is? Be the threat — always have a new airplane coming out.”



This rendering of a Next Generation Air Dominance aircraft, by Lockheed Martin, shows a tailless stealthy future fighter. (Lockheed Martin)

How does the Air Force get there?

Three industrial technologies enable a Century Series approach for NGAD and will set requirements for participants, Roper said. The first is [11]agile software development — a practice where programmers quickly write, test and release code, soliciting feedback along the way from users.

The second, open architecture, has long been a buzzword in the defense community, but Roper said industry often uses it to describe a system with plug-and-play hardware. NGAD, ideally, would be fully open, with interchangeable hardware and the ability for a third party to develop software for the system.

The final technology, digital engineering, is the most nascent and possibly the most revolutionary, Roper said. While aerospace engineers have used computers for decades to aid in the creation of aircraft, only recently have defense companies developed 3D-modeling tools that can model an entire life cycle — design, production and sustainment — with a high level of accuracy and fidelity. The process would allow companies to not only map out an aircraft in

extreme detail, but also model how a production line would work using different levels of manning or how maintainers would carry out repairs at a depot.

“You could start learning so much before you ever bent the first piece of metal and turned the first wrench, so that when you did do it for the first time, you already have learned. You’re already up to a level of proficiency that in the past you would have to be in the 100th aircraft to have,” he said. “And then if you kept going and you modeled the maintenance, then you could go after the part of the life cycle that constitutes the 70 percent of what we pay.”

Few defense programs have used digital engineering so far, Roper said. The Air Force is requiring Northrop Grumman and Boeing to use the technique to develop their respective versions of the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent.



[13]Boeing drops from next-generation ICBM competition

This move leaves Northrop Grumman as the sole bidder in the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent program.

By:

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Boeing has also demonstrated the technology [14]with its clean-sheet T-X trainer, taking its design from concept to first flight in three years and beating out two competitors that offered modified versions of existing jets.

During a May visit to Boeing’s production facility, Paul Niewald, the company’s chief engineer for the T-X program, described how the company crafted its digital T-X design with such precision that parts could be joined without shims — the material used to fill in gaps between the pieces of an aircraft — and only one master tool was needed during the plane’s production.

In total, Boeing was able to reduce by 80 percent the manual labor needed to manufacture and assemble the aircraft, Niewald said.



This artist's rendering from Boeing shows one concept for the Air Force's future fighter, known as Next Generation Air Dominance. (Boeing)

But creating a simple training jet like the T-X is much different than manufacturing a penetrating fighter jet like the NGAD, and there is no proof that those new manufacturing techniques will work for a more advanced aircraft, argued Richard Aboulafia, an aerospace analyst with the Teal Group.

Aboulafia suggested the Air Force might be "overreacting" to the struggles of the F-35, where a "one-size-fits-all" approach and a focus on software and sensors produced a very expensive aircraft that took almost two decades to develop. But a Century Series approach, he warned, could prioritize the development of new air vehicles at the expense of investments in new weapons, radars, sensors, communications gear or other enabling technology.

"With the F-35, we had too much [emphasis on] systems and not enough [on the] air vehicle. Maybe this is going too far in the other direction," he said. "Isn't the truth somewhere in between where you have two or three air vehicles but a greater resource allocation for systems? In other words, the truth isn't the F-35 and the truth isn't the Century Series. Can't we just think in terms of something in between, a sensible compromise?"

Rebecca Grant, an aerospace analyst with IRIS Independent Research, expressed enthusiasm for a new fighter design effort, saying that engineers could push out options for a Century Series style effort "extremely quickly." However, she added that the choice of engine, the integration of its communications suite, and the decision whether to make the platform manned or unmanned would be key variables influencing the design of the air vehicle.

"[A Century Series approach] strikes me that it truly is traditional in a way because this is how it was done in the past. And I think that's what they're trying to get to. They want fresh designs. But the difficulty is always as you start to make the most important trade-offs and identify the most important criteria," she said. "Those become pretty serious driving functions pretty quickly."

A (potential) game plan

The new NGAD program office will determine the final acquisition strategy for the Digital Century Series — including

the length of the development cycle, procurement quantities and contracting mechanisms. However, Roper revealed to Defense News his thinking for how the program might work:

- Put at least two manufacturers on contract to design a fighter jet. These could include the existing companies capable of building combat aircraft — Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman — as well as new entrants that could bring a unique technology to the table.
- Have each company create a hyper-realistic “digital twin” of its fighter design using advanced 3D modeling. Use those models to run myriad simulations of how production and sustainment could occur, hypothetically optimizing both and reducing cost and labor hours.
- Award a contract to a single fighter manufacturer for an initial batch of aircraft. Roper said that industry could build about a squadron’s worth of airplanes per year, or about 24 aircraft. Include options in the contract for additional batches of aircraft. Air Combat Command leadership has told Roper that 72 aircraft — about the number of aircraft in a typical Air Force wing — would be a viable amount for normal operations.
- While that vendor begins production, restart the competition, putting other companies on contract to begin designing the next aircraft.

As it forms the NGAD acquisition strategy, the new program office will also explore how defense primes would be compensated for their work. Most current Air Force programs are awarded to the company that can provide the most capability at the lowest price, leading to a status quo where vendors underbid to secure a contract and reap profits only when platforms are mass-produced and sustained.



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[16]Budget watchdog warns this fighter could cost three times that of the F-35

The Congressional Budget Office is warning of an expensive price tag for the US Air Force’s next fighter jet.

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But if a Digital Century Series construct is adopted, the Air Force may pay companies more money upfront during the design phase and require them to produce planes with a shorter design life; for instance, a jet with a lifespan of 6,000 flight hours instead of manufacturing aircraft designed to be kept in the skies for 20,000 hours, Roper said.

"That opens up the opportunities to do things very differently, different structural designs, not doing full-scale fatigue testing and all of things we do on the geriatric Air Force to keep things flying," he said. "Where is the sweet spot where we are keeping airplanes long enough to make a real difference but not so long that we're paying a premium to sustain them or not able to refresh them with better aircraft?"

One obstacle to the Digital Century Series approach may be persuading Congress to approve the necessary funding. The House Armed Services Committee already recommended cutting funding for the NGAD program in the fiscal 2020 budget request, from \$1 billion to \$500 million — a sign that the committee may not be sold on the Air Force’s path forward.

Roper said the idea has generated a “good response” from the congressional defense committees but acknowledged that lawmakers have questions about the approach. He also noted there will need to be a means to pay the bills, particularly in the early stages of the development cycle when multiple companies are on contract to design aircraft.

“I think the theory is sound, it’s the funding required and how big of an industry base we can sustain,” he said. “I don’t want to leave companies out, but I also don’t want to go so big that we fail because of funding, not because of the soundness of the idea.”

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Penetrating Counter-Air: What Comes After the F-22 Raptor and F-15C Eagle (2020-04-21 20:20)

The United States Air Force is in the process of completing its initial research on a next-generation air superiority capability to replace the Boeing F-15C Eagle and Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor fighters. Once such research is completed, the service will embark on an 18-month analysis of alternatives (AOA) starting this coming January to determine exactly what kind of capabilities it will need to gain and maintain control over the skies in the post-2030 threat environment. By then—in the year 2035—the stealthy F-22 will be 30 years old while most the F-15C fleet will be more than 50 years old. Thus, while the Air Force has not made any decisions on what a future air superiority fighter might look like, the service says that the so-called Penetrating Counter-Air (PCA) capability will be designed to meet threats that an upgraded F-22 and F-15 fleet cannot.

“We understand what the threat is going to be like in the future,” said Col. Tom Coglitore, chief of Air Combat Command’s Air Superiority Core Function Team in an interview with *The National Interest*. “We understand what our current and projected capabilities will be and will compare them to the future threat. If there is a gap, then we will likely pursue the development of a new capability if we cannot modernize an existing capability to fulfill our need.” Essentially—as Coglitore explains it—the PCA is the air domain platform component of a future “family of capabilities” for air superiority. But that family of capabilities is more than just the PCA aircraft itself, it includes basing and logistics, communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), command and control, as well as other

platforms and weapons—both existing and future. Indeed, for the Air Force, air superiority will likely move beyond just the realm of kinetic actions to include non-kinetic effects such as electronic attack and cyber-warfare, Coglitore said.

Basing and logistics—while often overlooked—are a crucial component of modern air warfare, [1]*especially as a resurgent Russia* and [2]*an increasingly powerful China develop long-range precision strike capabilities*. [3]*China has developed a host of cruise and ballistic missiles* that are capable of hitting U.S. bases in the Western Pacific while Russian forces possess long-range weapons such as the Kalibr-NK and Kh-101 stealthy long-range cruise missiles that can threaten U.S. bases in Europe and the Middle East. “We definitely need to be able to operate from locations, and they need to be secure,” Coglitore said. “We must be able to operate out of locations necessary to create the effects wherever they are needed.”

The Air Force is also working on concepts to secure its aerial refueling tanker fleet as part of its future air superiority efforts. The Air Force is aware that both the Russians and the Chinese expect to attack the service’s vital tankers—the very sinews that hold U.S. air operations together—as part of their efforts to defeat any American-led air campaign. Indeed, both the Russians and the Chinese have developed long-range air-to-air missiles specifically designed to attack[4] *those critical nodes*. While some of the service’s longer-range plans call for developing a[5] *stealthy tanker*—the Air Force is working on contingencies for the nearer-term to mitigate the threat—which the service takes seriously.

“That is a strategy others have advertised and we’re familiar with,” Coglitore said. “We’re analyzing what potential adversaries have indicated they would do and then we obviously have to come up with our own capability to make sure we can still conduct the mission and create the effects desired. So, we’re aware is the short answer and we will be prepared to counter it.”

One of the potential ways that the United States would counter such threats is by increasing the range and persistence of its aircraft, but the problem is the inherent size limitations of a fighter. “Fighters tend to be small and so their ability to persist can be seen as a limitation, so that’s something that we will definitely be looking at to see if we can change that aspect—or if we even need to,” Coglitore said.

Range and persistence have long been a problem for fighter aircraft—and it is a problem even during operations in relatively permissive environments. One example of that was the 2011 operation over Libya—which was difficult despite the North African nation’s antiquated air defenses because of the sheer distances involved. Indeed, for the Air Force, such distances could drive unaffordable force structures if future platforms have the same attributes as the service’s current aircraft fleet.

“Libya was a challenge for us,” Coglitore said. “The distances to conduct operations in Libya was a challenge. You had aircraft operating from Italy, flying three hours down to the Gulf of Sidra to cover the coast of Libya which is 1100 miles long. You do that math even with fighter airspeeds and you’ll find the surface-to-air threat wasn’t what we were concerned about, the tyranny of distance was itself was the challenge.”

To ensure that the Air Force is ready to meet the challenge, the service will be looking at its tanker requirements as part of the PCA study. “In our examination of the PCA requirements, we will eventually look at the tanker force structure,” Coglitore said. “One could argue that if you have a longer range platform, you could have a smaller tanker force structure. Conversely, smaller platforms may drive larger numbers of smaller tankers which may or may not be more advantageous.”

The other problem with fighter aircraft is that because of their small size, such machines inherently have a limited payload. Current generation fighters like the F-22 and the Lockheed Martin F-35 carry a limited payload internally, which could be a limitation during future combat operations. “It’s kind of a bummer if you drive three or four hours and you can only carry, say, two bombs or two missiles or whatever and now you have to go home to reload,” Coglitore said. “So the force structure is significantly impacted by that tyranny of distance—or your ability to go far and carry the requisite number of weapons to conduct that mission.”

Thus to solve those limitations, a future PCA might be a significantly larger aircraft that today’s fighters—designed to operate at far greater ranges while carrying a far greater ordnance load. Those requirements for range, persistence and payload will have to be balanced against the need for stealth, electronic warfare capabilities, speed, maneuver-

ability and other traits. “You’re looking at all those trades we’ll be playing in our analysis and presenting to our senior leaders for decisions,” Coglitore said. “I think we’ll have several good options.”

Many of the Air Force’s potential future requirements might seem to be contradictory, but new technology might make such a plane technically feasible. Indeed, a very large fighter with a very large payload, huge range which is also extremely stealthy while being extremely maneuverable would be an extreme technical challenge with current technology. However, new technology such as adaptive cycle engines—which the Air Force is currently developing with General Electric and Pratt & Whitney—will likely solve many of those potentially contradictory requirements. “The bottom-line is it’s going to have to be a variable-cycle engine to meet those kinds of needs and not be a humongous airplane,” Jeff Martin, General Electric’s expert on sixth-generation fighter propulsion [6]told me some time ago.

Stealth will almost certainly play a role in a future PCA—should the Air Force analysis show that a requirement for such an aircraft exists. But the service is also likely to heavily invest in electronic warfare capabilities for the next-generation air superiority fighter. The Air Force sees electronic attack as one of many potential requirements for survival in the 2030 plus timeframe, Coglitore said. The PCA will likely use a combination of stealth, electronic attack and other factors such as speed to survive. “There is a balance out there,” Coglitore said. “There are many ways to achieve survivability.”

The Air Force is also looking at more exotic technologies such as directed energy weapons. However, while the service is looking at the possibility of laser weapons, the technology has thus far failed to deliver on its promise. The Air Force will have to come up with a decision point on when to cut off promising but immature technologies from being included in the program. “That’s beauty and difficulty of this problem we have,” Coglitore said. “There are so many options. Each new technology could have a cascading effect on several key attributes of a future platform, providing opportunities in different corners of the trade-space block.”

If the Air Force decides to proceed with developing a PCA, the service could likely field an operational aircraft in the mid-2030s. Increasingly, as Russia, China and other potential adversaries [7]advance their capabilities, current American capabilities are increasingly challenged. Thus, ultimately, the Air Force will need to develop a new air superiority fighter to maintain American military supremacy. “Our adversaries have advanced both in terms of their platform and weapons maneuverability but we have advanced too, and I think that has fundamentally changed how we will conduct air-to-air operations in the future,” Coglitore said.

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China Expert: Covid-19 Probably “Deliberate Leak”; Could Be “Act of War” (2020-04-22 19:47)

Observers might write years ago, as the *Financial Times* did in 2014, “US v China: is this the new cold war?” Now one China expert is likening the Wuhan virus’s release to an act in a hot one, according to *American Thinker*. As the site’s Marion DS Dreyfus [1]reports, “We had a Zoom meeting with China expert Gordon Chang, author of *The Coming Collapse of China*, last night and learned that Chang thinks the ‘release’ of the coronavirus into the public sphere was either ‘accidental,’ which he disputes, or deliberate, to gain a march on the U.S., which is out of favor and being degraded and derided by the important media and groups in China.”

Note that this isn’t to say the virus was bioengineered; it’s probably a naturally occurring pathogen. But authorities now believe the virus likely originated in a Wuhan laboratory — perhaps the Wuhan Institute of Virology — where it was used in experimentation.

Dreyfus points out that this “Level 4 Biolab ... failed U.S. inspection as far back as 2018,” and U.S. authorities had long feared that an accidental pathogen release could occur there.

Whatever the case, Chang points out that China is not our friend and that we need to economically distance ourselves from it as we socially distance ourselves from each other. We must stop doing business with Beijing, especially in critical areas such as pharmaceuticals and military hardware, asserts Chang, and we should cease treating the nation favorably.

In reality and as I’ve long believed, one of American history’s greatest foreign policy mistakes was Richard Nixon’s “opening” of China. Napoleon Bonaparte once supposedly said, “China is a sleeping giant. Let her sleep, for when she wakes she will move the world.” We helped awaken her, and she got rich off our backs. We created a monster, and now Beijing’s malevolence has, pun intended, gone viral.

In fact, the Wuhan virus event “is nothing short of an all-out war,” Dreyfus paraphrases Chang as saying. “Xi knew of, and tried to maximize, our dependency on China to resupply our personal protective equipment and other necessities.”

Elaborating and quoting White House counsel Peter Navarro, Chang also said that before the full virus storm hit America, “Xi made sure to ‘vacuum up all the world’s available PPEs’ — masks, about two billion, as well as gowns, gloves, and the like,” Dreyfus further relates. “As the world’s countries affected turned to obvious sources to secure these PPEs, China charged piratical, extortionate prices up to ten times the cost it had paid for this vital protective gear.”

Of course, China lied profusely, abetted by useful stooges at the World Health Organization (WHO), about the nature and threat of the virus to buy itself time to effect the above scheme.

This also served to sicken the world — and Chang isn’t the only observer theorizing that this actually constituted coldly delivered “biowarfare.” Just consider the *Diplomat*, which recently explored what could have been Beijing’s thinking. The “more Beijing cooperated, the less the disease stood to affect other countries,” the site [2]wrote. “This includes countries China sees as a threat to its existence, like the United States. Why should China suffer the effects of a pandemic while others stayed safe — and increased their strength relative to China — based on China’s own costly experience?”

“Such a question is of course inimical to human decency,” the *Diplomat* continued, writing of what it calls an “unthinkable” calculation. “And yet we must consider that Xi Jinping has produced the greatest [3]program of ethnic cleansing in the world today. He has [4]curtailed freedoms in China severely and is the father of the [5]panopticon state. His incessant [6]military buildup threatens neighbors while using [7]economic and other [8]subversive means to [9]erode the sovereignty of countries around the world.”

Yet that’s just the iceberg’s tip. Beijing has also compelled women to undergo prenatal infanticide, [10]executes more people yearly than the rest of the world combined, forcibly suppresses Christians and other religious minorities, and ghoulishly harvests and sells the organs of political dissidents.

Moreover, as Beijing has projected power abroad, it has succeeded in [11]censoring our movies, [12]bullying our businesses into doing its bidding, and putting [13]Chinese propaganda in our schools.

This has all been enabled, too, by recent U.S. presidents, says Chang; that is, until Donald Trump flipped the script and put the screws to Beijing. (And let’s not forget the [14]other politicians who’ve abetted Chinese interests and gotten

rich while doing so, such as presumptive Democrat presidential nominee Joe Biden and Senator Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.)

In fact, even now, during the Chinese-made pandemic, our politicians (usually Democrats) are continuing the dangerous dance with Beijing. Just consider that 43 law-enforcement agencies operating in 22 states are enforcing social-distancing orders by [15]using drones — donated by a Chinese company.

Many are concerned, mind you, that the Chinese have ulterior motives and that the drones may be transferring information back to China (which is par for the nation's course). Then again, maybe Beijing is just listening to its better angels and is suddenly overcome with a charitable spirit.

That was sarcasm, of course. Beijing's spirit is better epitomized by the fact that it still honors Mao Tse-tung, history's most prolific mass murderer (body count: approximately 60 million), and has his picture hung in various places. That alone should be enough to make us wonder why we ever gave Beijing most favored nation status.

After all, would we look so kindly upon Germany if it still honored Hitler

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The Most Insane And Infuriating Inconsistencies Of The Coronavirus Era (Part I) (2020-04-27 21:52)

In the years when the United States fought Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan in World War II, life became radically different for everyone. Food was rationed. Supply chains were interrupted. Manufacturing plants, that previously made things Americans wanted, were turned into armaments producers. Millions of young men were drafted and sent off to fight. Hundreds of thousands would never return, and many more would be changed forever by the physical and mental toll. Many women who might have previously stayed home went to work to replace the men on the battlefield. Society was altered and life was different in countless ways from the way things were before December 7, 1941, and yet most Americans were on the same page, reading and acting from the same playbook, united in one common goal.

Today, America faces an altogether different kind of enemy, and our leaders hope to garner the same national spirit we had back then. The way they have chosen to fight the ongoing coronavirus pandemic has certainly altered society in similar but arguably even broader ways than Americans experienced during the Second World War. Yet, today there are strands of unrest, of pushback that only promises to increase the longer things continue. Despite what the

media claims, these protests against draconian stay-at-home orders, lockdowns, and closures aren't simply based on the desire to get out of the house, get a haircut, and eat at one's favorite restaurant. At the root, they're based on perceived governmental overreach that doesn't seem justified as data rolls in telling us the "enemy" [1] isn't all it has been cracked up to be.

[2]CARTOONS | [3]Pat Cross

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Surely, even those who have lost their livelihoods and their freedoms in one fell swoop could understand and abide by measures, even draconian ones, that made sense in light of the best data available. But for those of us who study this issue and keep track of more than just the hysteria and fearmongering, little about the ongoing [5]coronavirus response makes sense, and that unsettling reality only continues to grow as each day of our continued imprisonment passes. In fact, there are so many inconsistencies on so many levels that attempting to explore several of the most blatant will take two columns instead of one.

Here are the first three:

Let's fight this ant infestation ... by burning down the house

If the literal black plague were sweeping through America wiping out wide swaths of the population, everyone would understand that draconian preventative measures would need to be taken. When people were falling over in Wuhan, Italy's weak hospital system was getting overwhelmed, and people thought the kill rate for this thing was up to five percent of those infected and that millions could die, few argued with the initial shutdown response, even if some quibbled on the specifics.

However, now that those death rates have been [6]revised down to between .01 and .05 percent of those infected, or slightly higher than the flu, we're CONTINUING to act like it's the literal black plague. As the great Walter Williams writes in [7]this brilliant column, there are cost/benefits to every action. We don't have a five mph speed limit even though it would save tens of thousands of lives because too many other key cogs would be negatively affected. We don't shut down the country for the flu for the same reason. Yet, somehow, this virus merits an entirely different reaction, one based on our initial apocalyptic beliefs.

The best way to 'fight' this enemy, we're constantly told, is by maintaining strict social distancing measures and shutting down every possible aspect of our economy, then printing and distributing trillions in handouts to ensure compliance. Do this for an indefinite (and seemingly ever-expanding) period of time, we're told, and we can beat back the coronavirus and "save lives." But what about the [8]increasing evidence that such lockdown measures do not actually save lives? And what about the countless lives that a second Great Depression would ruin, and the inevitable deaths that occur in a poverty-stricken nation? Apparently, those are simply collateral damage.

Let's get hospitals ready to fight COVID-19 ... by bankrupting them

I'm no Richard Burr, but when all this started I do remember thinking how awesome it would be to have a few extra thousand to put into healthcare stocks. Surely, even if everything else tanked, the one industry that would be hopping everywhere would be anything healthcare-related, or so the line of thinking went. As things turned out, maybe it's a good thing I didn't have that extra cash. While hospitals in New York City and other large hard-hit metro areas were strained to the brink of capacity, the rest dropped everything to prepare for an onslaught that never came. "Essential services," including pain-relieving and life-altering joint replacements, were banned, resulting in budget shortfalls and massive staff layoffs that will have devastating long-term effects on the rest of the nation's health. Indeed, as Rick Jackson [9]opined for Newsweek, many could end up closing for good. Apparently, Obama was wrong. Catching the 'rona is the only way any of us get to keep our healthcare.

Sure, the people affected by these government-enforced shutdowns should be made whole, but when legislators added an additional \$600 per week to almost everyone's unemployment benefits, several senators (and [10]at least one plucky Townhall columnist) warned that this could have dire consequences to getting things moving again. "Let's pay people more than they would be making at work to stay at home," our overlords told us. I mean, what could

possibly go wrong? Already, one small business owner has [11]spoken out about her own employees' resentment after she took out a PPP loan to keep them on the payroll. By daring to try and keep her business afloat, she's costing them money. How hard will recruiting be for everything from restaurants to manufacturing facilities when hundreds of thousands are on the couch 'till the end of July 'making' more than they ever would have actually working? As things begin to reopen, we're about to find out.

There are plenty more where these came from. I'll get to those next time

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COVID-19 and International Best Practices for Free, Fair and Safe Elections (2020-04-27 21:56)

This pandemic may seem like it's changed everything, but it has not changed the rules of our constitutional republic. Let's keep it that way.

At the moment, there is a movement afoot to junk in-person voting,

the manner in which the vast majority of American ballots have been cast since before the American Revolution. The radicals behind this, aided by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi at the federal level, and echoed by some elected officials in a number of states, are using the pandemic as cover for bald-faced partisan skullduggery.

They're exploiting the pandemic to instill fear in our electoral process, forcing a solution for a problem that doesn't exist — namely, that people won't be able to get to the polls because of the coronavirus. This is a patently false assumption, as other countries have learned in similar crises. And, it was not the case in America in 1918 during the outbreak of Spanish Flu pandemic.

Transparently, the motive behind junking in-person voting this November is that big government liberals believe doing so will help them win. Speaker Pelosi even tried to condition urgently-needed coronavirus relief on a wishlist of long-standing electioneering aims, including same-day voter registration, legalized "ballot harvesting," and mandatory early mail-in voting. Fortunately, congressional guardians of the U.S. Constitution stymied that scheme.

Had Speaker Pelosi gotten her way, states would effectively have been forced to abandon the common-sense measures they currently have in place which prevent fraudulent voting while extending the 2020 elections from one day to a month-long process. Political strategists on the left believe this will help them defeat President Donald Trump, regain the majority in the Senate and keep Mrs. Pelosi speaker.

Despite Speaker Pelosi's setback on Capitol Hill, the left's crusade to radically transform the very nature of the coming elections continues unabated, with liberal activist groups trying to advance Pelosi's fumble.

The partisan motives behind these recent electoral "reform" proposals, along with the manifest opportunities for voter fraud and coercion they present — such as giving partisan activists absolute control over physical ballots — are reason enough to oppose them.

But there's another glaring issue that's worth pointing out: contrary to their proponents' efforts to present them as a necessary concession to the coronavirus pandemic, the new voting procedures are clearly unnecessary from a public health perspective.

The United States has the world's most mature and developed democratic system, and an extraordinary amount of resources to tackle the problems the coronavirus creates. This pandemic isn't even uncharted ground. The bipartisan organization of which I am a board member, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), has been involved in similar situations before around the globe. While IFES is not involved in domestic elections, it is recognized internationally as a thought leader in election administration.

In 2014, as the Ebola virus raged in West Africa, the country of Liberia was slated to hold a crucial election. Some argued that in-person voting should be suspended, but that could have thrown the legitimacy of the results into question due to the mere possibility of widespread fraud. Instead, IFES was able to help develop protocols for voters and poll workers that kept them safe while allowing Liberians to participate in a free, fair, and in-person election.

That was the right call in Liberia. Maintaining electoral continuity almost always is. If the rules of the game are allowed to change at the last minute — especially in a way that even seems to benefit one political party over its opposition — democracy itself is cheapened and delegitimized.

If Liberia was able to safely hold an in-person election amidst an Ebola outbreak, there is no reason we cannot do so here in the United States in the wake of this pandemic. It will take planning, resources, and carefully-developed protocols, but adhering to our existing set of electoral rules is well worth the effort.

Besides, there's no question that America has the resources and institutional knowledge to make this work. In our work abroad, IFES has already worked to create an effective protocol for holding in-person elections in countries dealing with coronavirus outbreaks. If they can do it, so can we.

Even after the worst of this crisis is over, some aspects of our daily lives will be forever altered. We can't let the coronavirus take away the integrity of our elections. It's just too important

Bil Gates predicted a pandemic (2020-04-27 22:08)

The opinions expressed by columnists are their own and do not necessarily represent the views of Townhall.com. Bill Gates May Have Predicted COVID-19, But it Doesn't Mean He's Right About Specifics

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has been in the news a lot lately for having warned how bad the COVID-19 pandemic would get. In April 2018, he said, "there is a significant probability of a large and lethal, modern-day pandemic occurring in our lifetimes." He cautioned, "even in the U.S., our response to a pandemic or widespread bioterror attack would be insufficient." He suggested it might be an unknown pathogen, like SARS or MERS, that "is capable of killing millions of people, bringing economies to a standstill, and casting nations into chaos."

In January, the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and World Economic Forum, conducted Event 201, which simulated a global pandemic caused by a new coronavirus. The Center for Health Security strangely claimed that it was not meant to predict COVID-19. On February 28, Gates published an article suggesting COVID-19 could be a “once-in-a-century pandemic.”

But just because Gates predicted COVID-19, doesn't mean he must be trusted on the specifics. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funds the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, which provided a model at the University of Washington with predictions. Derek Hunter, writing for Townhall, observed that the IHME predicted on April 4 that between 120,963 and 203,436 Americans would require hospitalization. In reality, there were only 18,998 (missing a few numbers from a handful of smaller states that had not been counted yet). Similarly, the model predicted 31,057 ICU beds would be needed on April 4, but only 4,686 were. The IHME was forced to drastically cut its predictions.

On February 28, Gates wrote, “[t]he data so far suggests that the virus has a case fatality risk around 1 %.” The case fatality rate represents the proportion of deaths compared to the number of people diagnosed with the disease. Now we know that percentage was too high, it's below 1 percent. Eran Bendavid, an infectious disease physician, and Jay Bhattacharya, a professor of medicine, believe the mortality rate is 0.01 percent. This is one-tenth of the flu mortality rate of .1 percent. Part of the reason mortality estimates were too high is they were based off samples, not taking into account full populations. This may have been deliberately done to overhype the pandemic.

Gates further angered people by calling for a national tracking system. He wrote on his website, “Eventually we will have some digital certificates to show who has recovered or been tested recently or when we have a vaccine who has received it.”

This is no surprise, considering in January 2019 Gates expressed support for a worldwide biometric ID. He praised India's national biometric ID, and was excited to see it expanding to other countries. He said India has “the world's largest biometric identification system and has become a valuable platform for delivering social welfare programs and other government services.”

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently funded an MIT study that explored implanting vaccination information into a child's skin. The project came about due to a direct request from Gates himself.

One of Gates' main projects in recent years has been funding mass vaccinations. He wants to reduce the size of the earth's population through that and abortions. In regards to the world's population being 6.8 billion, he said in 2011, “Now, if we do a really great job on new vaccines, health care, reproductive health services, we could lower that by, perhaps, 10 or 15 percent.” Apparently, his reasoning is that if parents think their children will have a better chance of surviving until adulthood due to vaccines, they will choose to have fewer kids.

And that's not all of the offensive statements he's made. Gates said earlier this month that he doesn't think large gatherings will be able to resume until widespread vaccination has taken place. But he doesn't predict a vaccine becoming available until the fall of 2021.

Gates criticized President Trump for halting funding to the World Health Organization while the administration investigates the U.N. entity's dismal handling of the pandemic. The WHO was told by Taiwan on December 31 that COVID-19 could be transmitted from human to human, but hid this information until January 22. Trump also had a problem with the WHO's advice against curtailing international travel. Trump disagreed and halted travel from China and then Europe, which is widely considered to have decreased the severity of the pandemic in the U.S. Trump didn't like the WHO's praise of China, especially since China has very likely issued false, lower numbers of deaths than what really happened in the country. The WHO hid and diminished China's culpability.

Gates said the move to cut off WHO funding is "as dangerous as it sounds." Gates claimed in a tweet that no other organization can replace the WHO for slowing the spread of COVID-19. The U.S. contributes \$400 to \$500 million to the WHO each year. China contributes only \$40 million. Yet bizarrely, the WHO's treatment of the pandemic has seemed more favorable to China than toward the U.S.

Gates' approach to the pandemic would have been a lot more draconian than Trump's had he been calling the shots. While it's true he knew enough about viral epidemics to see this coming, it doesn't mean his advice is better than the top experts advising Trump. Gates is a globalist who trusts the U.N. and has no problem letting the WHO dictate the terms of how countries handle the pandemic. His values and goals do not represent those of the U.S. because they are clouded by his internationalism

Tales of an aging gamer: Why don't I pick up a controller as often as I used to? (2020-04-29 23:48)

Despite a wider variety than ever before, video games don't have the same effect on me as they used to. That might not sound like a problem to some of you, but it is to me. I have played video games from the early days of my childhood, starting somewhere around the late '80s. I became heavily addicted to my Game Boy as a kid, and I can still remember the thrill I felt the day I bought my first PlayStation 22 years ago.

Gaming was like breathing. It was the biggest part of my life as a teenager, one of my priorities as a college student, and eventually one of my most expensive "hobbies" as a young professional.

Then all of a sudden, after thousands of hours spent playing across genres and platforms, boredom hit me hard for the very first time in my early thirties. Some of my favorite games soon gave me the impression of being terribly long. I couldn't help but notice all the repeating tropes and similarities in game design between franchises.

I figured it was just a matter of time before I found the right game to stimulate my interest again, but time continued to go by and nothing changed.

My 41-year-old cousin had dealt with the same thing years before me, and he had a simple explanation: "Now it's you who has to worry about rent and bills, not your dad." Deep inside I knew he was right. The more responsibilities, problems, and stress in life, the more we lose our appetite for things that used to entertain us, gaming included. But could there be something more to it than that? Games themselves were also changing. As technology enabled things I wouldn't have dreamed were possible as a kid, it created entirely new platforms for gaming.

On top of that, as people grow older there are inevitable changes that influence how we see games—including things as simple as needing glasses to actually play the game. The gradual loss of focusing ability for near vision as we age, known as presbyopia, makes gaming on smartphones and portable game consoles a nightmare for older people. Happenings like this help explain why devices such as PS Vitas are created almost exclusively for younger players.

So, are the changes I've been experiencing some kind of fluke or an inevitable process for many? Can you in essence age out of gaming?

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I'm far from the only former gamer thinking about this reality—there have been several good scientific studies on the matter within the last decade, in fact. One in particular seemed to answer all my initial questions. Collecting information from a staggering 239,000 gamers in recent years, market research company Quantic Foundry

has been closely examining how gaming motivations and preferences change with age via its Gamer Motivation Profile.

The research suggests that many things occur as we age, all pushing people a bit further away from gaming. It's not that we wake up one morning thinking video games are boring all of sudden, but instead everything happens slowly throughout a lengthy process that most of us don't even realize. Generally, QF found that the older a gamer gets, the less eager they become in terms of gaming—respondents were less likely to label gaming as “very important/enjoyable,” and their preferences shifted toward specific gaming experiences (less social and more solo gaming, for instance) not as popular among younger gamers.

While this could be due solely to a decline in enthusiasm for some, an alternative explanation is that many older gamers—especially when they have longterm partners, become parents, or ascend into highly demanding professional positions—simply have different priorities and less time for gameplay. And when you have plenty of other things to do, it's easy to avoid activities that appear to be either too easy and thus boring, or too difficult and thus frustrating.

Beyond a simple matter of time, gaming doesn't necessarily provide a sense of accomplishment, either. There is a general lack of reward when it comes to gaming—at least in terms of how adults interpret the concept of reward. The repetition of an activity that doesn't produce a visible benefit can decrease the feeling of novelty, and that's when boredom may strike. Breaking virtual records and topping the scoreboards may be bigger goals for a teenager, but for a young professional in their early thirties, something with a concrete output—think cooking, painting, gardening, or bodybuilding—may appear to be much more rewarding. Studies (like another good one from Florida State researchers in 2014) back this up, showing that certain adults simply don't view gaming as a productive activity on which to spend their free time. Many people in their thirties and forties may get more out of a dance or yoga class instead.

Cutting down on competition

For those of us who won't stop playing video games, it bears keeping in mind that game mechanics tend to be defined by the core gaming market (typically male, ages 18 to 30). So if your tastes in games change in a way that mimics the QF data trends, you may find yourself in the broad “casual gamer” category with fewer high-profile new games being specifically targeted to your tastes.

“One long-term trend we've highlighted in our talks and blog posts is that we have a generation of folks who grew up with gaming, are now 35+, and most likely won't stop gaming. However, their tastes in gaming have changed,” cofounder and analytics lead at Quantic Foundry Dr. Nick Yee told Ars.

One of the changes in tastes Yee points to is that aging gamers tend to gravitate toward more casual and less competitive games. “Picking up a competitive shooter takes time to practice and a strong desire to compete, both of which older gamers have less of,” Yee says. Of the 12 motivations in Quantic Foundry's model used to identify a gamer's preferences throughout the years, the appeal of competition declines the most with age. It dips faster even than the desire for destruction, excitement, and challenge, characteristics which are usually seen as a young gamer's motivation.

“The most dramatic shift in gaming motivations (for both men and women) is in competition—the appeal of duels, matches, and leaderboard rankings,” Yee tells Ars. “Gamers are much less driven by competition as they get older, and this motivation drops the most between ages 15 and 25 and levels off around age 32-plus.”

So the QF data shows that competition is a young person's sport. And just as with real sports, competitive titles tend to require time to practice, something that most gamers don't have in big doses in their thirties and forties.

Furthermore, competitive gaming requires rapid reaction times and precise mechanical skills, both of which decline with age.

A University of Michigan study within the last decade confirmed that as we age our brain connections break down, slowing our physical response times. But at what age does a person's reaction time begin to change enough to have a serious effect on gaming skills?

In the Michigan study, scientists measured the response times of adults over age 65 and compared them against those of a group of players ages 18 to 30. Researchers then used a functional MRI to image the blood-oxygen levels in different parts of the brain, a measurement of brain activity. The physical response times between the two age groups was great—there were no significant differences between a thirty-year-old gamer and a teenager. In other words, gamers in their thirties think they can't keep up with their younger counterparts and lose interest in competitive gaming. It's psychological rather than the experience of aging.

Strategy, on the other hand, is a gaming genre that spans generations, according to the data. QF has found motivation for strategy changes the least with aging. If you're like me, this makes it a little clearer why your once-favorite survival horror, racing, first-person shooter, fighting and massively multiplayer online games have been replaced by real-time strategy games, online puzzles, and brain teasers. So while younger players feel more strongly about other motivations, strategy comes to the forefront as other preferences fade over time. The result is that a lot of older gamers are excited by "careful decision-making and planning" (QF's survey wording) in a game as opposed to facing real-life consequences when they fail in analogue real-world scenarios.

This seems pretty logical if you take into account that, by the time you're old enough for marriage or parenting, you usually have to help make decisions that determine the fate of your whole family and not just your own future. Strategizing and planning wisely in the gaming world could possibly help you find new ways to think about the real world, although I might be engaging in wishful thinking in this case.

Gaming can be great as you get older, too.

Despite all the factors lessening the role of gaming in our lives as we age, there may be an upside to consciously pushing against those QF trends. It's not an exaggeration to say video games could actually help keep the brain agile as we grow old. A recent US National Institutes of Health-funded study involving nearly 3,000 retirees showed that video games could cut the risk for dementia by almost 30 percent. For this study, a training exercise was used to test the brain's perception, decision-making, plasticity, reasoning, and recall. Impressively, those who played video games appeared to have a 29-percent lower chance of developing dementia.

Even more encouraging are the findings of another study from the Université de Montréal, which showed that elderly people can stave off Alzheimer's disease by playing video games only 15 minutes per day, three times a week. Scientists describe the results of both studies as really promising, but each team noted they had to be replicated.

Findings like this possibly explain why 48 percent of adults over the age of 50 play video games, at least according to the Entertainment Software Association (ESA). The organization's 2015 report, titled "Gamers Over 50 Study: You're Never Too Old to Play," found that 80 percent of these gamers play at least once a week, while 45 percent play every day. Theoretically, those numbers should only increase as a generation raised on PCs and early consoles ages.

Talking with Ars, QF's Dr. Yee suggests that many older people play video games simply because they consider it a creative and fun way to kill their free time. The majority of them likely ignore (or are simply unaware of) the potential benefits of gaming when it comes to aging. "A group of people who have a lot of disposable time are older folks past retirement age or once their kids are fully grown. So senior-living homes or community centers also

provide the perfect context for local co-op/competitive games,” he tells Ars. “Even back when I was studying MMOs [Massively Multiplayer Online Games] in the early 2000s, about 25 percent of MMO gamers were over 32 years old and played on average 20-plus hours each week. I regularly had gamers age 60-plus filling out my MMO surveys.”

However, science doesn’t have an adequate answer as to why so many adults who play video games are hesitant to consider themselves avid gamers. In the same year (2015) that the ESA released the older gamers report, Pew Research found only 10 percent of them self-defined as gamers. One possible explanation is that a lot of our assumptions about gamers are still rooted in the “teenage basement dweller” stereotype. So, despite recent studies showing that a respectable number of people who play video games are mature adults of all sexes, there’s a tendency in society to depict the typical gamer as a male teenager who worships the latest titles. While this appears to be true for certain aspects of the market (looking at you, EA Sports), there’s a reason games like World of Tanks (which, while competitive, is a strategic MMO) remain very popular among gamers age 40-plus, Dr. Yee insists.

So, is my fate sealed? Do a majority of games simply get boring for us at a certain age? At that point, are you no longer a gamer? Beyond labels and self-identification, the data on this shows having a good time and playing games has nothing to do with age, gender, nationality, or any other identifying factors. Instead, the reality looks simple after you zoom in: once we hit a certain age, we are no longer the primary target audience most game developers have in mind. And as our time, attention, and thoughts have other demands beyond gaming, the type of gaming experiences we seek out shift accordingly. The exact same thing likely happens when it comes to music, literature, TV, and film as well, but this doesn’t mean we have to stop listening or watching, right? We just get older and change—or, perhaps how I would’ve once phrased it, we level up.

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When Most Americans Blindly Believed the Word of a China-linked Communist Dictator (2020-05-01 20:34)

“Americans reported bipartisan distrust of the (communist) Chinese government’s public statements about the coronavirus pandemic...according to a new Harris poll. Ninety percent of Republican respondents said that China was to blame for the spread of the coronavirus, and 67 percent of Democrats concurred,” National Review reports. And yet, 20 years ago this very month, according to Gallup: “Americans say it’s in Elian Gonzalez best interest to return to (communist) Cuba with his father...a majority (of Americans) favor Elian’s physical removal from the home of his Miami relatives if necessary.”

So how did such a majority American opinion come about?

Well, according to Stalinist dictator Fidel Castro (and his U.S. based agents-of-influence which obviously included much of the Fake News Media before it was widely known as such) Elian’s father Juan Miguel was a sincerely grief-stricken father who, acting completely on his own free will as everyone does in communist countries (especially ones graciously liberated from “The Mob” and with free and exquisite health-care and education) simply wanted his son back home in paradisiacal Cuba with him.

Perhaps I come across as unnecessarily hyperbolic to some amigos? Well: “Why did Elian’s mother leave Cuba? What was she escaping? By all accounts this young woman was living the good life,” asked a furrow-browed Jim Avila of Fake News NBC, on April, 2000. Avila asked the question from Havana itself, where—for some crazy reason—a totalitarian regime had graciously granted him a “journalist” visa to “report!”

According to most Cuban-Americans, however (i.e. to people with first-hand experience of how communists operate) Fidel Castro was holding a gun (invisible to most naive Americans) to Juan Miguel’s head and forcing him to recite a script, as is standard communist practice. Result?

Most Americans, having mostly relied on the mainstream media for their information on this issue (as no major

alternative existed at the time despite Rush Limbaugh's heroic and contrarian support for the Cuban-American view) blindly believed communist dictator Fidel Castro.

Here's what people experienced with the Castro regime were frantically trying to tell America while Castro and his swarms of U.S.-based agents-of-influence just as frantically (and much more successfully) hid from America:

Elian's father was initially delighted that his motherless son was in the U.S. and in the loving arms of his uncles and cousins. Mauricio Vicent, a reporter for Madrid newspaper El Pais, wrote that during that first week after Elian's rescue he'd visited Elian's home town of Cardenas and talked with Elian's father, Juan Miguel, along with other family members and friends. All confirmed that Juan Miguel had always longed for his son Elian to flee to the United States. Shortly after Elian's rescue, his father had even applied for a U.S. visa!

Elian's Miami uncle, Lazaro, explained it repeatedly and best: "I always said I would turn over Elian to his father, when Juan Miguel would come here and claim him. But I (along with practically everyone with experience under communism from Cambodians to Hungarians and from Lithuanians to Cubans) knew such a thing was impossible. He couldn't do that. I knew it wasn't Juan Miguel requesting Elian—it was Fidel."

A "60 Minutes" "interview" of Elian's father Juan Miguel by Fake News pioneer Dan Rather played a key role in this expert snookering of America. To wit:

On the April 6th 2000 edition of "60 Minutes", America saw a bewildered and heartsick father pleading to be allowed to have his motherless son accompany him back to Cuba, his cherished homeland. Dan Rather (who hailed Fidel Castro as "Cuba's Elvis!") was interviewing Elian's "bereaved" father. How could anyone possibly oppose his heartfelt plea? How could simple decency and common sense possibly allow for anything else?

"Did you cry?" the pained and frowning Dan Rather asked the "bereaved" father during the "60 Minutes" drama. "A father never runs out of tears," Juan (actually, as we'll see, the voice of Juan's drama school-trained translator) sniffled back to Dan. And the "60 Minutes" prime-time audience could hardly contain their own sniffles.

Here's what America didn't see: "Juan Miguel Gonzalez was surrounded by Castro security agents the entire time he was in the studio with Rather." This is an eye-witness account from Pedro Porro, who served as Dan Rather's translator during the famous "60 Minutes" interview. Dan Rather would ask the question in English into Porro's earpiece whereupon Porro would translate it into Spanish for Elian's heavily-guarded father.

"Juan Miguel was never completely alone," says Pedro Porro. "He never smiled. His eyes kept shifting back and forth. It was obvious to me that he was under heavy coercion. He was always surrounded by security agents from the Cuba Interest Section (i.e. Cuban embassy) in Washington D.C. When these agents left him alone for a few seconds, attorney Gregory Craig would hover over Juan Miguel.

"The questions Dan Rather was asking Elian's father during that "60 Minutes" interview were being handed to him by attorney Gregory Craig," continues Pedro Porro. "It was obvious that Craig and Rather were on very friendly terms. They were joshing and bantering back and forth, as Juan Miguel sat there petrified. Craig was stage managing the whole thing – almost like a movie director. The taping would stop and he'd walk over to Dan, hand him a little slip of paper, say something into his ear. Then Rather would read the next question into my earpiece straight from the paper."

A reminder: officially (Bill Clinton and Dan Rather crony) Gregory Craig then served as attorney for Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, who worked as a hotel doorman in a nation where the average monthly salary is \$16. The high-rolling Gregory Craig worked for Washington D.C.'s elite firm, Williams & Connolly, one of America's highest-priced law firms.

In fact, upon accepting the case at the Clinton administrations' behest, Gregory Craig had flown to Cuba for a meeting with Fidel Castro himself.

Gregory Craig had led the Juan Miguel/Cuban-Security entourage into the studio, then presided over the interview. "At one point Craig stopped the taping almost like a movie director yelling, 'Cut!' I was confused for a moment, says Porro, "until Greg Craig complained that Juan Miguel's answers were not coming across from his translator with "sufficient emotion." "So Dan Rather shut everything down for a while and some of the crew drove to a drama school in New York. They hired a dramatic actor to act as a translator, and brought him back!"

Okay roll 'em!

"I probably should have walked out," says Porro. "But I'd been hired by CBS in good faith and I didn't know exactly how the interview would be edited — how it would come across on the screen. I mighta known, but you never know

how these things play out until you actually see it.”

“Midway through watching that ‘60 Minutes’ broadcast, I felt like throwing up,” said Porro. “My stomach was in a knot.” His worst fears were confirmed.

In brief, Dan Rather and crew volunteered to help a Stalinist con-man (Fidel Castro) stage a massive farce—a veritable show-trial complete with bogus confessions and coerced testimony. They knowingly snookered the American public. Worse, as mentioned, most Americans fell for the farce. In their innocence (of communist tactics) most Americans saw the Eliañ tragedy as a simple custody dispute, as happens hourly in places like Omaha, Atlanta and Peoria. That’s exactly what Clinton, Castro and Rather wanted, expected and got.

Reboot Big Tech (2020-05-02 20:07)

With the current coronavirus crisis creating a boom for video meetings, competition for secure platforms has become fierce. The recent controversies surrounding early frontrunner Zoom allowed Google to pounce at the opportunity, making rival Google Meet free to the general public.

Google has begun positioning itself as the pro-privacy option because of supposed protections it has in place, even as many in the public remain skeptical. No protections in the world, however, will change that Google is a corporation whose whole business model revolves around tracking, mining, and selling personal user data, along with the history of privacy violations that has accompanied it.

Google is first and foremost an advertising company. A massive 32 of its 39 billion dollars in revenue comes from advertising. The main source of revenue for Google is Ad and AdSense, which are from advertisers using user data to target consumers. The data must come from somewhere, and that’s what gets privacy advocates so upset. Google relies on user data for its existence, and Google Meet isn’t the only coronavirus-related push it’s making that could cost users their privacy rights.

Google also announced a partnership to develop a Bluetooth-based user tracker to help stop the spread of coronavirus, but that too has been met with resistance. Many in the privacy world see numerous opportunities for hackers and advertisers to profit off the user information, which has led many in the public to flat out reject the idea of using the system.

Right before the pandemic hit, Google also announced an end to third-party cookies, the data-files that companies use to track user information to help them target advertising, so Google can purportedly “protect” its users’ privacy. In reality, however, the move is simply a way to eliminate competition without actually making data safer. All Google is doing is stopping outside companies from participating in the data collection. This will in no way end the collection of the data as Google will simply fill in the void with their own cookies.

In short, Google is eliminating third-party cookies with the same line of reasoning it’s using for its other pushes – that Google is best at protecting your data. There’s a lot of evidence that this is wrong.

If you look at its recent Chrome launch, Google immediately had to issue a warning to its 2 billion users that there were already security concerns with the update. Past breaches to their systems have cost them millions, which is why they’ve turned to covering them up whenever possible.

Google continues to advocate itself as the best safeguard for user data, but many of the actions it’s taking seem to exist solely to grow its advertising monopoly. Their business practices have become so corrosive to the marketplace that all 50 state attorneys general launched a combined investigation into Google’s monopolistic behavior,

focusing on its ad business in particular. It's of little surprise, then, that recent launches, like the coronavirus tracker, have been met with condemnation from Members of Congress.

The general public doesn't trust Google with our data, as evidenced by the fewer than half of those polled willing to use Google and Apple's contact-tracing app — primary because we don't trust the companies to keep their healthcare data private.

Congress and the Department of Justice need to step up – and reboot Big Tech. We need to end Big Tech's sweetheart federal deals, like Uncle Sam's continued coddling of 24 years of Section 230 immunity. We also don't believe in amnesty, so we need to enforce the laws already on the books – like our antitrust laws. And we need to start treating our personal data as our personal property – and protect our personal privacy.

Sheriffs Refuse to Enforce 'Unconstitutional' Stay-at-Home Orders (2020-05-02 20:23)

Governors across the nation have issued stay-at-home orders. Many have extended them once or twice. Some have even gone so far [1]as to threaten to slap residents with fines. But what these governors are counting on is local police departments and sheriffs to enforce their orders. Sheriffs from around the country are standing up and refusing to enforce the orders because they believe them to be unconstitutional.

Two Arizona Sheriffs – Doug Schuster of Mohave County and Mark Lamb of Pinal County – said they will not enforce Gov. Doug Ducey's (R) stay-at-home order. Both Schuster and Lamb agreed to talk with residents about violating the governor's order but they would not arrest those who refuse to comply, [2]Arizona Central reported.

Even though Mohave County is home to Lake Havasu City, one of the state's most popular tourist attractions, the sheriff believes people will be respectful of Ducey's orders.

"We'll get compliance," Schuster said. "These businesses are not looking to butt heads with law enforcement or the state."

Sheriff Lamb, who has become a regular on A &E's "Live PD," said he never intended to make his "unspoken rule" known, but the governor's orders forced him to do so.

"I think people want to know that we're going to support their constitutional rights," Lamb said. "I felt (Ducey) pushed me into a position where I needed to make our stance clear."

According to the Pinal County sheriff, the state's low number of Wuhan coronavirus deaths – 330 – no longer justified a stay-at-home order and keeping people from their livelihoods. He even went so far as to say he would join a lawsuit challenging Ducey's order.

"Three hundred deaths is not a significant enough number to continue to ruin the economy," Lamb said.

Schuster said if he received a complaint about a business, such as a restaurant being open, he would show up and encourage them to practice social distancing and other health care guidelines.

"Call me a coach," he said. "We're here to support you. We want to see businesses get back to normal as quickly as possible."

Schuster said he has no desire to arrest people who are filling restaurant orders.

"My conscience will not allow me to arrest someone who is trying to make a living," he said. "I don't believe it is a crime to try and make a living."

Two sheriffs in Washington State – Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney and Franklin County Sheriff J.D. Raymond – had similar sentiments.

Fortney took to [3]Facebook to explain why he thought Gov. Jay Inslee's (D) orders were wrong.

"I am worried about the economy and I am worried about Washingtonian's that need to make a living for their family. As more data floods in week by week and day by day about this pandemic I think it is clear that the 'models' have not been entirely accurate," he wrote in a post. "While that is okay, we cannot continue down the same path we have been on if the government reaction does not fit the data or even worse, the same government reaction makes our situation worse."

He went on to say he believed Inslee's orders violated the Constitution.

"As your elected Sheriff I will always put your constitutional rights above politics or popular opinion. We have the right to peaceably assemble," Fortney said. "We have the right to keep and bear arms. We have the right to attend church service of any denomination. The impacts of COVID 19 no longer warrant the suspension of our constitutional rights."

Sheriff Raymond said he refuses to enforce Inslee's orders or "guidelines that infringe on your constitutional rights," [4]KOMO-TV reported.

Raymond made the case that residents can be adults and care for themselves.

"I believe that social distancing and taking appropriate and proper steps to slow the spread of the virus and control its transmission is important," he wrote in a letter to his constituents.

Sheriffs across the nation are standing up against laws they believe are unconstitutional. It really is similar to sheriffs who are bucking gun control laws across the nation. They took an oath to uphold the Constitution and are doing everything in their power to preserve and protect their constituents' rights.

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America's Post Pandemic Ten Commandments (2020-05-03 22:51)

In an effort to capitalize on the lessons learned from the current pandemic, the plain folk of America are beginning to demonstrate and demand change. They're tired of politicians and experts locked in inaction. Their changes might be summarized in 10 new and compelling commandments to guide America's future. There's been no mountain top conclave to confirm one direction, but their collective voice might just provide plain spoken guidance for our

future. Here are 10 post pandemic commandments they just might rally behind to make America great again:

1. Life is difficult, unsafe, and has always carried risk. None of us get out of this alive. So, never again even think of sacrificing the economic, mental, and physical well-being of the 99.7 percent to possibly protect and save the .3 percent from any disease or disaster.

2. No pandemic or disaster should ever be allowed to justify Draconian laws depriving citizens of elementary civil rights protected by our Constitution. Trading cherished freedoms for promised safety gives us neither!

3. Governments printing more money can never be the answer in a responsible republic. Stop giving more money; such giveaways are supporting an expectation of socialism, not maintaining a vital democratic republic. A forced transfer of wealth from those who work and saved to those who are not working and have not saved, destroys the incentives for self-reliance and rewards government dependence.

4. Tough times require tough people. Strong, resourceful citizens come from letting people handle their own problems with the help of neighbors, family, and local charities. No citizen is entitled to a basic income. No one should make more from government support than they can make from working. In America, you are responsible to earn your own way and secure your own future!

5. If people are sick, the message must be clear-"Shelter at home." Seek the treatments you need; new promising treatments are appearing daily. If you don't isolate and take care of yourself, expect to be distanced and shamed for not doing so. A healthy society isolates the sick, not the healthy! End the lockdown, and let healthy people go back to work and their lives.

6. Buy American to bring our economy back! End imports of any essential supplies or products from China unless no American alternatives are yet available. China's irresponsible response to the initial COVID-19 infestation has destroyed what trust the world has had in their communist regime. Bring back essential manufacturing to America and support them every way you can.

7. End this embarrassing analysis paralysis and let businesses open. All businesses are "essential" to those who depend on them for income and jobs. If people are free to responsibly go to a grocery store, they are responsible enough to go to any business they deem important. Individuals should have the right and the responsibility to make their own choices without undue government interference or control.

8. Defeat any politician who votes for a federal bailout for states facing bankruptcy. Never make citizens in responsible states pay for states with irresponsible planning and unchecked spending.

9. Since an expanding federal debt threatens to bankrupt future generations, put an end to automatic government budget increases. Require balanced budgets and zero-based budgeting where every department must regularly justify their reason for existence and their value in every budget cycle.

10. Don't even bother watching mainstream media news. They have been part of the effort to derail President Trump from the moment he was elected. Their headlines never change - "Everything Bad is Trump's Fault!"

Finally, and most important to remember, if you want a president who will bring back our economy and jobs, there is only one choice - re-elect President Donald Trump in November. We wanted an outsider who promised to get things done, and we gave him the job in 2016. He got things done and helped usher in the best economy in decades. He did it once, it's our job to let him have the opportunity to make America great again

Five things I hate about retail (2020-05-06 18:56)

Managers: they are directly influencing if you hate your job. If you have any fun at work. Many people at corporate say work isn't supposed to be fun. Fun is possible. I've done it before. I can be a hard worker but have fun at the same time. When I'm having fun, a lot gets done, the customers are happy because they see you're happy, and a better work place environment for everybody. A positive manager can change the entire atmosphere of a store. I would hate the manager that would give us busy work. Then another manager comes up and says, that busy work I'm doing, I shouldn't have done that. Then I say the other useless manager told me to set the tvs like that. And what the hell. They would yell at us for existing. They would nitpick anything they could say. I get if I'm not supposed to talk if there is customers around, but if there are no customers around, then what is wrong with that? You don't need to helicopter around the departments to make sure people aren't talking. I have things to do, I don't need stupid busy work.

#2 is customers who are barely below managers. The customers can make or break my day. Managers are number 1 because it's guaranteed that they will be there again whereas the customers are random bag. There are really cool customers that understands what my job is, that I'm a human being and treats me as such.. They treat me with respect, they care about my opinion. A terrible customer will come in and act like everything I said is a lie. Why don't

the customer google it before coming in before that's how you're going to treat me. Depending where you work depends on the frequency, and at Circuit City and the gas station, this was moderate. There is constantly rude people coming in the store, not believing what I say, not believing things are out of stock, things you show on a computer and ask for a manager, they're looking to get me into trouble, they're cussing me out. They're going to make my day miserable.

That's why customers are near the top of the things I hate for retail. Customers look down on you, even if the customer is unemployed. It screws with my mentality

and flushes self esteem down the toilet

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hird, when a customer gets close to an associate like me I'm supposed to acknowledge them. This is like a NPC in Elder Scrolls V or Final Fantasy. "How are you?" "How can I help you?" Its a corporate direction, but its the wrong corporate direction. Corporate always seem like they're non-humans like they're out of touch! They think certain types of marketing will work, when they don't? Circuit City went bankrupt in 2008. They think acknowledge people will make them buy stuff like calling them guests make them feel more welcome to which is kinda creepy. Corporate is a weird overlord that you never really see. Its text on a page 9 times out of 10, and I need to follow it blindly or suffer severe consciences. They could tell you a lot of crazy stuff that you're not supposed to be doing during Covid 19.

Scheduling. Most people who are temp workers don't get guaranteed days off. When I get days off, they're not together. I never get that relaxation period where I fully decompress. It's like Sunday. I can't stay up late. I have to worry about the next day. I can't really relax during the day. Saturday is great. I can go outside on Saturday. I can do whatever I want. I can stay up late. Friday is a close second. I can stay up late on Friday. I'll never fully relax unless I have Saturday and Sunday off. If I was part time, I don't know the hours every week at Circuit City. It takes a lot of time and effort to get a full time job at Circuit City. They cut it close to forty hours a week so they don't have to give me benefits. Corporate does a lot of stuff so I don't get benefits. There are a lot of people in retail over 26 that need health insur

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nce benefits, because they're not on their parents insurance anymore. There are a lot of elderly who work at Circuit City who work there due to health care.

Number 5 is the dread that I'm never going to get out of retail. The likelihood that this job will be my job forever. I would go home, drained, not wanting to do anything, just die on the couch and play videogames! Ignoring my voices that this could be my job forever. This is when at Circuit City, I was surrounded my middle age

employees

and elderly working there for 15

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years. If I have any of those 20 year pins, I'm screwed. I lost the game

theory

of life and there is no do-over. If you're in retail for 20 years, I feel for you. I have a college degree. Without a college degree in the 2000s, I could still feel the dread of staying in retail forever.

Why Linux is better than Windows and Mac OS X from my experience (2020-05-09 18:33)

I want to say Linux reigns supreme over Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8.1, Mac OS 10.9 and FreeBSD. I had Debian in high school Linux+. RHEL in 2004, OpenSUSE in 12th grade. Then I was introduced to Knoppix in 2005 Linux+. Ubuntu in 2007, Fedora in 2008 Linux+, Cent OS from 2012. FreeBSD in 2012. In the beginning with Windows XP, I dual booted Debian with Windows. Windows blue screen of death crashed and then I used the NTFS-3g driver to get stuff off Windows in Linux until 2010. I stored my MP3s on a "MP3" partition I used with Partition Magic and later G-Parted so I wouldn't lose that partition. In 2013, I changed the mp3 partition from a NTFS file system to EXT4 file system. I kept my mp3s and photos on DVDR so I could retrieve all of them after my operating system crashed or my hard drive was fried. Beginning in 2014, I realized that an old Ubuntu OS can survive six years with some kernel updates and that I wouldn't lose my mp3s on the EXT4 partition, because my computer was just like a old Apache web server! The Only other OS that lasted from 2015 since Mac OS X 10.9 where the hard drive says I used for 2 months total uptime and 500 starts. My Linux I used from 2014 says the hard drive was used for 1 year 10 uptime and 4442 startups. In the linux, the sometimes file manager crashed, but not the OS. Windows XP, Windows Vista Windows 7, Windows 8.1 would freeze up completely after 18 hours. I used stream ripper to stream Shoutcast onto the hard drive in Windows where after 18 hours, Windows XP or Windows Vista would have a frozen screen. I don't get viruses in Linux. I don't get Trojans in Linux. I remember getting viruses or Trojans on Windows and having to reformat the hard drive, reinstall apps, and mp3 files totaling 6 hours. Windows sometimes installs viruses with Windows updates. Windows 10 does timentry while linux doesn't. I had virtual machines in 2012, but sometimes the save state of the images failed and the operating system on that image cold booted. I still wanted windows to play Windows PC games so I kept it updated to Windows 10. Windows 10 has Windows explorer crash. Windows 8.1 always seemed to freeze from PC Games and Youtube videos! Windows 10 isn't that stable. There's a reason why hospitals are using Windows 7 and Windows XP. When you repair Windows 10, the Windows Update takes 12 hours during the re-install. This software for my Linux called PlayonLinux installs a lot PC games from the 2000s. My 8-core Intel Mac with Mac OS 10.9 became a photography, retro videogame emulator and mp3 storage. I wanted a iphone since 2015, because then I have imessage, and 5 years of OS updates. I got an ipad, because I thought it was going to be a Nintendo 3DS like with mobile games. I played Poker, Solitaire, Super Mario Run, Mario Kart Tour and Pokemon Go on the ipad so far. PC-BSD 10 worked great, had OS stability, but the files were obsolete within months and no updates. Android phones slows down or have performance problems after 2 years. I had experience with FreeBSD 8.2 to FreeBSD 12.1. Then PC-BSD only had months before the upload respiratory with the current latest software version was broken with my operating system. Linux updates its repositories for 4 years, then you can update Firefox and libreoffice manually for additional 3 years. PC-BSD wouldn't dual boot with Windows unless it had Unix File System and not ZFS file system. My guess is FreeBSD beats Windows, because Playstation 4 beats Xbox One in sales. Linux is free because 1000s of people submit code every year, Microsoft uses it to run Microsoft Azure. It's free because the Linux Organization is backed by big corporations like Microsoft, IBM, Intel, Google, Samsung, Vmware, there is freedom with what you want to do with the OS. Linux users had a grudge against how exe files where downloaded, because their terminal works 100 % of the time. A single command will update everything you have installed to the latest features. You can update whenever you want or never. It has live kernel updates that only require a reboot, but reboot when you want to. Linux can run on supercomputers to a toaster. You can install Linux on updated laptops or the Raspberry Pi. On a catastrophic event, Linux will probably keep running. The drivers are open source too in Linux so they will be supported long after the manufacture discontinues support. Because there is 1000s of eyes on the code, vervalance is better. KDE and Gnome have desktop themes that can make the desktop more Windows-like or Mac-like since KDE 3.5 in the mid- 2000s. If you like the terminal a lot, you can use X-Windows, the most basic desktop environment. Since all the GNU programs are in the same folders, distribution hopping can be done. If you want to be most secure, you can run Tails Linux off a USB and use Tor browser. I don't check my email constantly, because the ROI is better then immediate response. The video editing in KDENLIVE and photo editing in GIMP is better then Photoshop and Power Director. The hours doing stuff is cutdown. If I move a lot of files, I'll use Crusader in Linux. Windows works 1 way. Mac OS works 1 way. You just accept their limitations.

We should save more (2020-05-09 18:34)

You should read 1932's A Bubble that broke the world by Garett Garrett. It's a primer for our age explaining how central banks contributed to the debt driven up to to the 1929 stock market crash and great depression. You can learn about stocks deterioration before hitting rock bottom. Central bankers were pushing on a string like in 1929. The more debt that is made, the more unproductive the debt becomes. That's not popular. What is popular is the magic money tree, because a country that prints its own money so the stimulus packages that are printed in US and Europe are going to give headaches later on. That leads to deflation. The only way out of it is to get the Americans savings up dramatically. The reason why we made out of World War II depression was Americans savings were 25 % highs increased by wartime rationing and income gains from exports and World War II. The Great Recession caused by Wall Street had done sometime to Main Street is fresh in people's minds where Wall Street got a huge bailout allowing for quick recovery and few were sent to prison. There is a huge disconnection between the two. There is 30 million jobless on main street after 6 weeks. The ones lucky enough to have jobs are seeing decrease in wages. There is a general feeling of anxiety across the country. Meanwhile the stock market had its best time in 33 years. This leaves the financial sector immune from bankruptcies and layoffs that happens to mainstreet corporate america. If the federal reserve is going to inject trillions of dollars into capital markets like in 2008, it will only benefit the better off segments of American society. The longer this exists, the greater the conflict between rich vs. poor, corporations verses individuals, current vs. future generations, connected vs. alienated. The federal government could look at morale hazard or any risk of future financial stability infecting the real economy. If we only accept that everything will be favor with anybody that is already privileged, nothing will be accomplished. The rich have this idea that the rest of the country is depended on them and not the other way around. The solution is for the government and private sector to find balance.

Why John F Kennedy died (2020-05-10 18:49)

What John F Kennedy did in 1962 meant the death. Yes he ordered the blockade in the Cuban missile crisis, but there were Soviet submarines with nuclear tipped torpedo involved. Kennedy ordered the US Destroyers to throw hand grenades into the water to bring up the Soviet Submarines. The lead Soviet submarine captain was going to use the nuclear torpedo. Soviet Subs have a Soviet political officer and a KGB agent on board. The Soviet political officer on the lead submarine had to talk the captain out of launching the torpedo on a US aircraft carrier in the blockade which almost happened. World War III happening.

Coexistence with China or Cold War II? (2020-05-12 18:52)

Under fire for his handling of the coronavirus pandemic, President Donald Trump, his campaign and his party are moving to lay blame for the 80,000 U.S. dead at the feet of the Communist Party of China and, by extension, its longtime General Secretary, President Xi Jinping.

"There is a significant amount of evidence" that the virus originated in a Wuhan lab, said Secretary of State Mike Pompeo last week.

Trump himself seemed to subscribe to the charge:

"This is worse than Pearl Harbor. This is worse than the World Trade Center. There's never been an attack like this... It could have been stopped in China. It should have been stopped right at the source."

There is talk on Capitol Hill of suspending sovereign immunity so China may be sued for the damages done by the virus that produced a U.S. shutdown and a second Great Depression where unemployment is projected to reach near the 25 % of 1933.

The Trump campaign has begun to target the Democratic nominee as "Beijing Biden" for his past collusion with China and his attack on Trump for "hysterical xenophobia" when Trump ended flights from China.

What is the historical truth?

On China, Trump is the first realist we have had in the Oval Office in decades. But both parties colluded in the buildup of China as she vaulted over Italy, France, Britain, Germany and Japan to become the world's second power in the 21st century.

Both parties also dismissed Chinese trade surpluses with the U.S., which began at a few billion dollars a year in the early 1990s and have grown to almost \$500 billion a year. Neither party took notice until lately of our growing dependency on Beijing for products critical to our defense and for drugs and medicines crucial to the health and survival of Americans.

The mighty malevolent China we face today was made in the USA.

But what do we do now? Can we coexist with this rising and expansionist power? Or must we conduct a new decades-long Cold War like the one we waged to defeat the Soviet Empire and Soviet Union?

The U.S. prevailed in that Cold War because of advantages we do not possess with the China of 2020.

From 1949-1989, a NATO alliance backed by 300,000 U.S. troops in Europe "contained" the Soviet Union. No Soviet ruler attempted to cross the dividing line laid down at Yalta in 1945. Nor did we cross it.

East of the Elbe, the Soviet bloc visibly failed to offer the freedoms and prosperity the U.S., Western Europe and Japan had on offer after World War II. America won the battle for hearts and minds.

Moreover, ethnic nationalism, the idea that separate and unique peoples have a right to determine their own political and cultural identity and destiny, never died in the captive nations of Europe and the USSR.

China today does not suffer from these deficiencies to the same degree. Unlike the USSR, China has four times our population. Where the USSR could not compete economically and technologically, China is a capable and dynamic rival of the U.S.

Moreover, if we begin a Cold War II with China, we would not be starting with the advantages Truman's America, undamaged at home in World War II, had over Stalin's pillaged and plundered land in 1945.

Where ethnic nationalism tore the USSR apart into 15 nations, today's China is more of an ethno-nationalist state with Han Chinese constituting 1 billion of China's 1.4 billion people.

There are millions of Tibetans, Uighurs, Kazakhs in southwest and west China, and tens of millions of Buddhists, Christians, Muslims, Falun Gong and other religious minorities. But China is unlike the multiracial, multiethnic, multicultural, multilingual Moscow-centered and Russian-controlled Soviet Empire and USSR that shattered after 1989.

China's weaknesses?

She is feared and distrusted by her neighbors. She sits on India's lands from the war of the early 1960s. She claims the whole South China Sea, whose waters and resources are also claimed by Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines and Taiwan.

The peoples of Hong Kong and Taiwan fear that Beijing intends to overrun and rule them.

Even Vladimir Putin has reason to be suspicious as Beijing looks at the barren but resource-rich lands of Siberia and the Russian Far East, some of which once belonged to China.

China is thus a greater rival than the USSR of Stalin and Khrushchev and Brezhnev, but the U.S. is not today the nation of Ronald Reagan, with its surging economy and ideological conviction we would one day see the ideology of Marx and Lenin buried.

Three decades of post-Cold War foolish and failed democracy-crusading have left this generation not with the conviction and certitude of Cold War America, but with ashes in their mouths and no stomach to spend blood and treasure converting China to our way of life.

Chairman Mao's Spirit Comes to Dallas (2020-05-12 20:56)

I think I understand now how the Chinese felt under the reign of Chairman Mao. I actually watched a nice lady from Dallas last week be prosecuted for giving haircuts. Shelley Luther, who was trying to earn a living for her children by doing an honest day's work at her business, Salon a la Mode, was arrested and prosecuted for that villainous act. Sitting in the courtroom of Dallas County District Judge Eric Moye, she was asked by counsel why she defied economic lockdown diktats issued by the government by opening her business. She replied, "Because I had no other choice. Because I couldn't feed my family."

What a heart-rending response. Like something out of Dickens. Judge Moye wasn't moved by Ms. Luther's pathos. In a courtroom diatribe, the smug, sanctimonious judge with job security (unless Dallas voters wisely turn him out of office in the next election) lectured Ms. Luther: "Your actions were selfish. Putting your own interests ahead of those of the community in which you live... [T]hey disrespected the executive orders of the state, the orders of the county and this city."

I think we should all be nervous when an American jurist excoriates an American citizen for "disrespecting the executive orders of the state." Hitler's propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels, surely used similar language when addressing fellow Germans in the 1930s.

And "selfish?" By working to provide for her family, her employees and her community, and risking prosecution for defying a temporary restraining order preventing her from opening her shop, Ms. Luther was anything but selfish.

But it got worse. We should sit up and take notice whenever a judge does the following: He told Luther that he would consider levying a fine against her instead of sending her to prison if she would apologize and not reopen her shop until the government deemed that heretical act permissible. Ms. Luther bravely refused to apologize and was sent to jail.

Forcing an act of contrition out of a defendant for defying “executive orders” (not laws) under threat of jail time is, or should be, a breathtaking turn of events in America. Rather than simply ruling that she had been in violation of those “executive orders,” issuing her a fine of a certain amount for every day that she was in “defiance,” and moving along, this poor excuse for a judge – and poor excuse for an American citizen – sought to compel this woman to utter words indicating obeisance to the state. Such a repellant action, particularly as a consequence of defying constitutionally and scientifically dubious orders of “The State,” is antithetical to what the Founders of our great Republic envisioned when they established a Constitution of, by and for the people.

As I heard the chilling words of the judge demanding an apology from this courageous woman, the Cultural Revolution in China came to mind.

The Cultural Revolution occurred in the 1960s under the leadership of Mao Zedong, head of the Chinese Communist Party, and a psychopath if there ever was one.

In an effort to “purify itself of saboteurs and apostates,” in the words of the New Yorker’s Evan Osnos, Mao’s regime enacted paroxysmal savagery on the population of China, executing or driving to suicide 1.5 million of its own citizens. Two hundred million people were brought to the point of chronic malnutrition by the devastating impact Mao and the Chinese Communist Party’s policies had on that nation’s economy. Twenty million people were uprooted from cities and sent to the countryside to till the soil and an estimated 36 million were persecuted.

The horrors of that period of Chinese history cannot be understated, or easily grasped, with Mao mobilizing the youth of the country – his Red Guard – to unleash horrific cruelty. Many in the Communist Party itself were targeted. The toll on China’s intellectual class and the “bourgeoisie” was perhaps the most brutal. Teachers, doctors, landlords and others deemed by Mao to be deplorable and threats to his reign were dragged before their neighbors to be humiliated, beaten and executed. Friends, children and spouses of the condemned were encouraged to take part in their persecution, or risk facing their own demise.

And here’s the reason I bring this up: A hallmark of this horrific treatment of those Chinese whom the government designated for destruction was forced apologies from the victims. Apologies from a coercive state fond of issuing “executive orders.”

I am not of course equating America in 2020 to China in the throes of the 1960s Cultural Revolution. However, we should be concerned by indicators large and small that the United States, as sophisticated and democratic as it likes to think it is, could end up in the same place. Small indicators like a judge coercing an apology from an American citizen for trying to feed her family or otherwise risk jail time. And large indicators, like much of America’s population effectively under house arrest and much of its economy locked down on the rationale that it can thereby mitigate a virus that is already “in the wild,” apparently having already infected, without their being aware, a huge percentage of the population.

The insanity must stop. When we see YouTube removing videos featuring highly credible, knowledgeable doctors and scientists – like Daniel Erickson, Artin Massihi, and Scott Atlas – because they happen to hold opinions that differ from the government’s received wisdom, we should, again, sit up and take notice. These are not the actions that should occur in a free, robust democratic Republic founded on the principle that ideas should be debated passionately and without fear of censorship. Such things occur in tyrannies.

While history is replete with brutality by many nations, a Chinese parallel seems particularly apt, since China gifted the world with the current pandemic. And I little doubt that Chairman Mao would smile upon Americans with authoritarian impulses, like Judge Moye, the overlords at YouTube, and Democratic governors across

the land who insist on continuing enforced self-isolation for their citizens and destroying their economy in the process.

Cuomo Defends Nursing Home Policy (2020-05-17 21:01)

New York Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo is under fire for his disastrous policy of sending elderly Wuhan coronavirus patients to nursing homes. President Trump even approved a temporary hospital at New York City's Javitz Center to house and treat coronavirus patients. The president also sent a floating hospital packed with emergency supplies to New York to make additional space. But with a fawning press behind him, Gov. Cuomo decided in all his wisdom that elderly people, sick and contagious with the Wuhan coronavirus, should be sent instead to nursing homes full of other elderly, vulnerable people. The policy went on for weeks. The press was probably too busy looking for bad news about hydroxychloroquine to question the governor's deadly directive.

"He worked it out so we always had available beds. Nobody was deprived of a bed or medical coverage in any way," Gov. Cuomo said on Sunday in defense of his nursing home policy. "And still, people died. Still, people died. Older people, vulnerable people are going to die from this virus. That is going to happen despite whatever you do. Because with all our progress as a society, we can't keep everyone alive."

Cuomo on nursing home deaths:

"Older people, vulnerable people are going to die...That's going to happen despite whatever you do" [1][pic.twitter.com/KKgb0uIrzz](https://twitter.com/KKgb0uIrzz) — Keyboard Warrior (@TrumpJew) [2]May 17, 2020

A March 25th state mandate required nursing homes to admit suspected or diagnosed cases of the coronavirus. The ill-conceived mandate even prohibited nursing homes from requiring a coronavirus test for incoming hospital transfers. Cuomo only reversed the policy after mounting criticism earlier this month.

"The way this has been handled by the state is totally irresponsible, negligent and stupid," Elaine Mazzotta, who lost her mother from a suspected COVID-19 infection at a Long Island nursing home, told the [3]Associated Press. "They knew better. They shouldn't have sent these people into nursing homes."

NPR [4]reported last month that more than half of the COVID-19 deaths in New York state happened in nursing homes. NPR also analyzed data from 11 New York nursing homes with the highest number of deaths and found the majority of those nursing homes had a disproportionate number of minorities.

While the governor was telling young, healthy people to save lives by staying home, his administration was sending coronavirus patients to nursing homes. In April, Cuomo [5]responded to reopen protesters by saying it was "no time to act stupid." He should have followed his own advice.

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Confirmation: Chinese Officials Told Labs to Destroy Coronavirus Samples (2020-05-17 21:02)

Multiple government agencies from various countries, including the United States, have concluded that the coronavirus started in a lab in Wuhan. The Chinese regime did everything in their power to cover up the virus, including gagging medical personnel and reporters that were trying to sound the alarm. It was believed that the laboratories were [1]destroying samples of the Wuhan coronavirus to cover up the country's responsibility for the pandemic.

Chinese officials confirmed that labs were told to destroy samples of the coronavirus. China's National Health Commission official Liu Dengfeng, however, says the labs destroyed the samples, not to cover up their culpability, but "for pandemic prevention and control, which also played an important role in preventing biosafety risks."

"If the laboratory conditions cannot meet the requirements for the safe preservation of samples, the samples should be destroyed on the spot or transferred to a professional institution for safekeeping," Liu told the [2]Wall Street Journal.

United States officials, including Attorney General William Barr, have repeatedly said they believe China destroyed samples to cover up the fact that the virus started inside their country. Liu said that claim "takes facts out of context with the aim of intentionally misleading people."

During a press conference on Friday, Liu said "national-level professional institutes" worked around-the-clock to determine what was causing the illness, the [3]South China Morning Post reported.

"Based on comprehensive research and expert opinion, we decided to temporarily manage the pathogen causing the pneumonia as Class II – highly pathogenic – and imposed biosafety requirements on sample collection, transport and experimental activities, as well as destroying the samples," Liu said.

China has repeatedly lied to the world about the Wuhan coronavirus. Not only did China deny scientists and researchers from being deployed to help control and contain the virus in the outbreak's early stages, but China also [4]waited almost a week to alert the world to what was happening.

Chinese President Xi Jinping personally asked World Health Organization Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to delay publishing vital information about the Wuhan coronavirus. The WHO parroted Chinese talking points and repeatedly told the world that the virus was not transmissible from human-to-human contact.

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Democratic Party = dictatorship (don't vote democrat) (2020-05-22 13:34)



Their Lenin statue is already here.

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Worship Is Essential: President Trump Vows to Override Governors on Religious Liberty (2020-05-23 22:39)

Speaking from the White House Friday afternoon, President Donald Trump announced houses of worship have been classified as essential services by the federal government.

"At my direction the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is issuing guidance for communities of faith," Trump said. "Today I am identifying houses of worship, churches, synagogues and mosques as essential places that provide essential services. Some governors have deemed liquor stores and abortion clinics as essential but have left out churches and other houses of worship. It's not right. So I'm correcting this injustice and calling houses of worship

essential."

"I call upon governors to allow our churches and places of worship to open right now. If there's any question, they're going to have to call me but they're not going to be successful in that call. These are places that hold our society together and keep our people united. The people are demanding to go to church and synagogues, go to their mosque. Many millions of Americans embrace worship as an essential part of life. The ministers, pastors, rabbis, imams and other faith leaders will make sure their congregations are safe as they gather and pray. I know them well, they love their congregations, they love their people. They don't want anything bad to happen to them or to anybody else," he continued. "The governors need to do the right thing and allow these very important, essential places of faith to open right now, for this weekend. If they don't do it, I will override the governors. In America we need more prayers, not less."

A number of Democratic governors around the country have continually limited and cracked down on religious services, even while congregations practiced social distancing. Some pastors have been told their rights have been "suspended" under stay-at-home orders.

Throughout the course of the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic, Attorney General Bill Barr has filed a number of legal suits against local governors infringing upon religious liberty.

Trump Donates His Salary to HHS for Vaccine Research (2020-05-23 22:46)

White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany announced Friday afternoon President Trump has donated his quarterly salary to the Department of Health and Human Services in the search for a Wuhan coronavirus vaccine.

"The president, as you are all well aware, donates his salary to various initiatives and parts across the federal government and this quarter he will be donating his salary to HHS, Health and Human Services, to develop new therapies for treating and preventing COVID-19 so we can safely reopen," McEnany said, touting a \$100,000 check. "In honor of COVID this time, in honor of those who have passed and the studies underway."

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President Trump announced Thursday flags will be ordered at half-staff in honor of Wuhan coronavirus victims.

I will be lowering the flags on all Federal Buildings and National Monuments to half-staff over the next three days in memory of the Americans we have lost to the CoronaVirus.... — Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [1]May 21, 2020

....On Monday, the flags will be at half-staff in honor of the men and women in our Military who have made the Ultimate Sacrifice for our Nation. — Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [2]May 21, 2020

In the past, President Trump has donated his salary to the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Veterans Affairs and more.

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Why Everyone Hates IT People (2020-05-28 11:43)

Quick: what's the biggest bottleneck in your company? Yup, we both know it's the Information Technology department. Let's face it, nobody likes IT people. For all of their technical wizardry, IT is where good ideas go to die. We follow their onerous documentation requirements and patiently wait in line through endless backlogs, yet somehow IT still can't seem to get their work done.

Hating the IT department is a common sentiment in almost every company big enough to have such a group. But the truth is, it's not the IT people's faults. In fact, a despised IT department is a symptom of a CEO who doesn't understand psychology. It is a corporate dysfunction for which management, more than anyone else in the organization, is responsible.

TO CREATE IS HUMAN, TO IMPLEMENT DIVINE

Why does the IT department drive everyone nuts? The answer lies deep in our primal need to contribute to our tribe. As [1]Logan, King, and Fischer-Wright pointed out, the workplace is our modern-day clan. We come to the office with the same mental hardwiring we acquired 200,000 years ago when our species emerged. Back then, tribes with individuals creative enough to make new discoveries survived better than less innovative groups. Today, our workplace is our tribe and our impulse to create is no less important. Evolution gave us the mental machinery to seek to improve the welfare of our social groups through discoveries made by each individual.

When creativity is stifled, we become frustrated, unfulfilled and complacent. Unfortunately, in most organizations, workers blame the most obvious bottleneck, hence, they point the finger at the IT department.

In actuality, the complaints are a result of a broken feedback loop and the discontent can be explained by unraveling the blockages to corporate innovation. Though I have written extensively about how feedback loops and [2]desire engines can be used to [3]design behaviors, the inverse, breaking the reinforcement cycle, can bring the urge to innovate to a grinding halt, and that's exactly what explains anti-IT-ism.

Employees today are inundated with messages from management to "be innovative," "think outside the box," "spot good ideas when they see them," and most of all "get stuff done." Business books and gurus extol the value of innovation and spread the message that only companies who quickly change with the times have a hope of survival. The message to employees is "if you contribute innovative ideas, good things will happen to you and your tribe."

These messages constitute the cue or stimulus phase of a [4]reinforcement loop. Originally studied by [5]B.F. Skinner over 60 years ago, reinforcement remains a powerful basis by which we learn how to behave. In a successful reinforcement loop, the cue is followed by an action, which then brings a reward. Unfortunately, in most companies, when employees generate good ideas, no reward comes, projects lag, and innovation stalls.

If employees do not receive positive reinforcement for their efforts, or even worse, are forced to comply with endless documentation requirements, long development cycles, and corporate politicking, their natural instinct to contribute shrivels. Creativity soon morphs into dysfunction.

WHERE INNOVATION DIES

It begins with a management team woefully unaware the process is broken. Next, non-technical staff, unable to produce quality output, learn to shirk responsibility as they throw projects over the fence to IT. Unwilling to place blame on management, business staff point the finger at IT ranting about why a project is late, again. Employees begin to see the company not as one, but two tribes. The business people are seen as those charged with generating ideas while the engineers are the methodical implementors, cranking out instructions verbatim.

Everyone suffers from this scenario as members of the IT department are held hostage by endless product backlogs, leaving little room to contribute their own creative wisdom. When faced with a long list of tasks and the manic pressure to complete every request urgently, engineers find themselves plugging away instead of taking the time

to understand what's truly important to the business. This endless, and often mindless, drive to complete the next item on the list isolates engineers from customer-facing employees who could help them better understand what the product actually needs to do for the user. Business people view engineers as lazy code monkeys and engineers view business people as unskilled taskmasters. This familiar pattern perpetuates in-fighting and destroys creativity and initiative.

There are various methodologies for building better technology and companies have experimented with [6]skunk works, incubators, [7]20 percent time, cross-functional teams, and even software "SWAT teams." In future posts, I'll dive into what organizations can do to bring innovation back and help the IT department feel loved again—stay tuned here and [8]subscribe on my blog.

Above all, management must ensure employees are rewarded for their attempts to improve the company. While the reward of social recognition or monetary incentives is nice, often the satisfaction of simply knowing the idea was implemented is sufficient to fulfill our human need to contribute. When good ideas languish in bureaucracy, the feedback loop stops, and so does innovation.

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10 signs you may not be cut out for IT (2020-05-28 12:11)

It's a tough world out there. Anyone who's ever worked in IT knows just how tough it is. And if you're not totally up for the challenge, there will always be someone else who is. But for anyone considering getting into the world of IT, or for those considering getting out of IT ... how do you know? How can you tell whether you're really cut out for the career that chews up and spits out its young? Well, I have a handy list of signs that maybe IT isn't the best fit for you. But if the signs don't apply and you DO decide to head down the IT career path, I've included a list of helpful resources at the end of this article.

1. You lack patience

Patience is most certainly a virtue in IT. When some problems strike, they strike with vengeance and most often require a good deal of time to resolve. If you are without patience, you'll either give up, lose your mind, or pull out all your hair. But the need for patience doesn't end at dealing with problems. Many times, end users will test your patience more than the technology will. If that's the case, I recommend that you either get away from having to deal with end users or (if that's not possible), steer clear of IT altogether.

2. You have no desire to continue your education

IT is an ever-evolving field and without the desire to continue learning, you're already way behind the curve. This is one of those fields where you must be okay with constantly learning something new. That might mean taking a class or attending a workshop or just hitting the books on your own. But no matter how you slice that education, you must be willing to continue to learn.

3. You refuse to work outside 9-to-5

Technology doesn't adhere to a set schedule. Servers go down whenever they want and business has to go on. So you must be willing to wake up in the middle of the night, work long hours during the week, and work weekends. If you're someone who refuses to let their workweek interfere with their personal life—well, the writing on the wall is pretty clear.

4. You don't like people

Do I really need to expand on this one? Yes? Fine. The reason IT pros have jobs is to support end users—aka people. If you don't like people (and I know plenty who don't), you really shouldn't consider a career in IT. The big irony of this is that I also know a lot of people who have been driven to dislike people *because* of IT.

5. You give up quickly

How many times have you had an issue really test your abilities? Did you give up or did you forge on until you managed to best that problem? If you gave up, you did so knowing that you left something broken. That is not an acceptable work ethic in IT, and if you're okay with that, it's time to reconsider. Oh sure, there will be times when something is beyond repair or an issue goes above your skill set. But if that's the case, it's your responsibility to replace the broken tech or hire someone in to fix the issue.

6. You're easily frustrated

This is an industry that can frustrate even the most unflappable. But if your frustration boils to the surface right away, you will spend much of your day with high blood pressure. Although IT is a rewarding field, it can also be an aggravating one. If frustration often gets the best of you, you might want to consider a different career.

7. You can't multitask

At any given point in a day, I am doing three or four things at once. Sometimes, this is the only way I can actually get everything done in the required timeframe. If you insist on sticking to one task at a time, IT is going to be a tough trek for you. That is not to say single-minded people can't succeed—but they will have a tougher time than those who can multitask.

8. You have dreams of climbing the corporate ladder

There isn't much room on the ladder within the IT department. If you have dreams of climbing up and perching

yourself on top, you might want to consider a different field. Some IT departments do offer promotions, and maybe you can even climb your way up to CIO. But if CEO is in your dreams, IT is probably not the field for you.

9. You hate technology

This one should go without saying, but strangely enough, I know people in the IT field who actually HATE technology. If you consider yourself a technophobe, maybe being around servers, desktops, switches, routers, and other IT-centric hardware isn't the best place for you. Although it's perfectly possible to work in a field you despise, the added level of frustrations you will experience might end your time on this good green Earth earlier than you expected. Take a pass on IT.

10. You turn off your phone at night

This relates to your work hours. Many IT pros I've worked with are on call 24/7. Their lives completely revolve around their networks, and if they weren't willing to have such a life, they probably wouldn't have the jobs they have now. The IT job doesn't go away—it remains in the background all the time, waiting to pull you from sleep, family gatherings, the birth of your first child. If you're one to turn your phone off when you leave work, or you ignore those calls from the office (even when the office is blowing your phone up), it might be a sign that you and your career are not a good fit.

Tallying up the pros and cons

Just because you suffer from one or two of these traits doesn't mean you should give up on an IT career and start flipping burgers. But if you recognize quite a few of these signs, you might want to find another calling.

Why Twitter Censored President Trump's Tweet About The Minneapolis Riots (2020-05-29 15:16)

As we all were last night, President Trump was watching Minneapolis descend into total anarchy. Our own [1]Julio Rosas is there [2]documenting the insanity. The looting has not subsided. The violence intensified. And it culminated in the police headquarters in the city's third precinct being evacuated, overrun by rioters, and then set ablaze. Police and firefighters were reportedly given orders to stand down. It was chaos.

Minneapolis Mayor [3]@Jacob_Frey said he decided to sacrifice the police precinct to rioters in order to maintain the safety of the public. The building was ransacked and torched. [4]<https://t.co/bUkQjNJOaM> [5] #BlackLivesMatter [6] #antifa — Andy Ngô (@MrAndyNgo) [7]May 29, 2020

The second night of protests was sparked due to the horrific death of George Floyd, who died in police custody. It's all on video. Floyd, arrested for a false document charge, is seen pleading with officers that he couldn't breathe. That's because one officer put his knee on his neck and kept it there for nearly ten minutes. Floyd died as a result. All four officers were fired, and the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation was investigating this tragic incident as well for civil rights violations. It's considered a top priority. Yet, Minneapolis is a warzone. Rosas has documented many protests, some with very hostile crowds, and he said last night that [8]he'd never seen anything like what he was experiencing in Mill City.

During the rioting, the president said this on Twitter:

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Yeah, want to guess why the social media company censored the latter tweet?

"This Tweet violated the Twitter Rules about glorifying violence. However, Twitter has determined that it may be in the public's interest for the Tweet to remain accessible," it reads.

The people who are rioting are not there for justice or to support getting justice for Floyd. They're thugs that are destroying these communities before our eyes. There were fires everywhere last night. *Maybe* a bit far with the shootings comment, but Trump is president and we have a First Amendment. Also, is the remark "glorifying" or saying what actually happens when looting begins in any situation where riots erupt? It's a bit nit-picky. Yes, Twitter is a private company, though one could easily argue that it's one that really serves a public utility. I don't know. If there was something that truly violated the terms of service, maybe I wouldn't raise my eyebrows here. This isn't it. And all this did, as Minneapolis burns, is rehash concerns from conservatives that Twitter and the rest of the lefty social media enterprise, is biased and selectively enforces their service rules.

The President did not glorify violence. He clearly condemned it.[13]@Jack and Twitter's biased, bad-faith "fact-checkers" have made it clear: Twitter is a publisher, not a platform. [14]<https://t.co/ITm3Pxxaqg> — The White House (@WhiteHouse) [15]May 29, 2020

This is the third Trump tweet that Twitter have censored this week. [16]pic.twitter.com/Rwfp9dHU5A — Rita Panahi (@RitaPanahi) [17]May 29, 2020

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MN Sentator Klobuchar unlikely a democratic Veep candidate (2020-05-29 15:58)

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) had a better than expected 2020 run. She wasn't favored to win at all, but her debate performances allowed her to increase her profile among voters and give her that critical cash flow to survive another day. She dropped out, along with former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg earlier this year in a move that many viewed as an effort to get the centrist Democratic bloc around Joe Biden and prevent a replay of the bloody progressive-establishment war back in 2016. So, is Amy veep material? Not anymore. If she was being considered, it all ended this week.

Minneapolis is currently ablaze right now. Looting is rampant and clashes with police are frequent. The city blew up over the horrific death of George Floyd, who died in police custody after an officer kept his knee on his neck for nearly ten minutes. He died as a result. Floyd was arrested for a forgery charge. It was a non-violent crime, and his death was captured on video. It's incredibly disturbing and all four officers involved in the incident were rightfully fired. President Trump has ordered the FBI and the Department of Justice to look into this matter. It's a top priority. The protests are warranted, as is the anger—but not the looting and abject destruction of property. Yet, that's an aside. What ties Klobuchar to the Floyd incident? Well, she encountered the officer who placed his knee on Floyd's neck. This officer was involved in a few past shootings, one of which occurred when Amy was a county prosecutor. She declined to file charges against him, or at least that's how it will be seen as with those outraged over Floyd's death (via Star Tribune):

The Floyd case has put the national spotlight back on Klobuchar's days as a prosecutor, particularly as it became clear Derek Chauvin, the officer involved in Floyd's death, was involved in the death of another citizen while Klobuchar was prosecutor. Chauvin was one of six officers who fired on and killed Wayne Reyes in 2006 after Reyes reportedly aimed a shotgun at police after stabbing his friend and girlfriend. While the death happened during Klobuchar's tenure at the helm of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, the case did not go to a grand jury until after she left the office and became a senator.

Klobuchar did not criminally charge other police involved in the more than two dozen officer-involved fatalities that occurred during her time as prosecutor. She left those decisions to a grand jury, a practice that was common at the time.

Klobuchar said in a CNN interview Tuesday that the evidence is "crying out for some kind of a charge" against the officers involved in Floyd's death. Michael Minta, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota who studies political representation and race, said that is a departure from her more cautious responses to past cases.

The police officer who killed George Floyd was also part of 3 other police shootings of civilians, incl. one while Klobuchar was county prosecutor.

Klobuchar did not press charges against him, & so many others: <https://t.co/iiKPK4UUZ8>

also: <https://t.co/T2t1ssHFG7> [pic.twitter.com/VW0AkfzJM9](https://t.co/VW0AkfzJM9)

— Taniel (@Taniel) May 28, 2020

It's about the perception here. And Klobuchar is already in hot water with black voters over the totally botched prosecution of Myon Burrell, which Cortney covered in February. It's not a good look and with the Democratic Party so engulfed in racial and identity politics, which is ironic given that with all this talk an old white guy is the presumptive nominee, there's just no way Amy should even be thought of for VP. Maybe she never was, but if the Biden team wants to get serious, a Rust Belt Democrat would help, not indulge in a nakedly pandering move like picking any black Democrat.

Minnesota Gov Is About to Eat His Words on Who Is Really Causing Chaos in the Minneapolis Riots (2020-05-31 21:57)

Riots erupted for yet another night in the wake of the controversial death of George Floyd, who died under the custody of Minneapolis Police. Floyd was arrested over an alleged false document incident but died when now-ex-Officer Devin Chauvin knelt on the back of his neck for nearly ten minutes. Floyd was already in handcuffs and lying on his stomach. His cries that he couldn't breathe are audible in the ghastly video. All four officers involved in the arrest were fired, with Chauvin being booked on third-degree murder and manslaughter charges. The FBI and the Department of Justice are also investigating the tragic incident.

This is an outrage. There is near-universal condemnation and there should be expressions of anger and protests over what happened. Yet, what has transpired over the past few nights is anything but a protest. It's a riot. Looting, vandalism, and mayhem have engulfed the country. Minneapolis, the epicenter for this chaos, has been engulfed in flames. Our own [1]Julio Rosas is in Mill City for Townhall and has [2]documented the conditions on the ground, [3]noting the lawlessness that has created an atmosphere of total pandemonium. Where are the cops? Where is the National Guard? Rosas, who has reported on other protests, including ones with a heavy Antifa presence, said that he's never seen anything like what he's witnessed in the Twin Cities. Folks, a police headquarters was torched by rioters.

MN Dept. Of Public Safety spokesperson: "We've got intel reports that have been confirmed but I cannot say we have confirmed we have cells of white supremacists." — Breaking911 (@Breaking911) [4]May 30, 2020

Unbelievable. Basically everything Minnesota political leaders, who have already proven incompetent with their response, said this morning was false. And yet media personalities used those statements to

frame their whole narrative re white nationalists. [5]<https://t.co/VT9XwwvrBC> — (((AG))) (@AGHamilton29) [6]May 31, 2020

Democratic Governor Tim Walz and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, also a Democrat, have been outright disastrous in how they've handled the situation. They've allowed the city to be ruled by the mob. They've ceded parts of the city for them to destroy. It's been a disaster. Frey even reminded the rioters about social distancing guidelines regarding the coronavirus. And Walz tried to blame white supremacists for being involved in the chaos, a claim that the MN Department of Public Safety could not confirm because it's not true. Whether it be a pandemic or a riot, the liberal media and their Democratic allies will always find a way to pivot to blame something that they think can be linked back to President Trump or Republicans. In doing so, they create fake news. It's an election year. Trump looks better than Joe Biden by the day—and these two Democratic clowns in Minnesota can't get their act together to quell the mob. Yeah, I could see why Democrats would try and get this white supremacist lie going—but it's still total garbage (via [7]USA Today) [emphasis mine]:

Drifting out of the shadows in small groups, dressed in black, carrying shields and wearing knee pads, they head toward the front lines of the protest. Helmets and gas masks protect and obscure their faces, and they carry bottles of milk to counteract tear gas and pepper spray.

Most of them appear to be white. They carry no signs and don't want to speak to reporters. Trailed by designated "medics" with red crosses taped to their clothes, these groups head straight for the front lines of the conflict.

[...]

The real hard-core guys, this is their job: They're involved in this struggle," said Adam Leggat, a former British Army counterterrorism officer who now works as a security consultant specializing in crowd management for the Densus Group. "They need protests on the street to give them cover to move in."

[...]

"There are detractors. There are white supremacists. There are anarchists," Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said Saturday afternoon.

However, **a civil arrest list provided by the public information officer of the St. Paul Police Department shows 12 of the 18 people arrested from Thursday through 6 a.m. Saturday were from Minnesota.** Five of them are from St. Paul, three are from Woodbury (part of the Twin Cities metropolitan area), two are from Minneapolis, one is from Mankato and one is from St. Louis Park. Four are from out of state and two did not have cities of residence listed.

[...]

Leggat, the security consultant, said **intelligence reports from his colleagues indicate most of the hard-core protesters in Minneapolis are far-left or anarchists, and that far-right groups have not yet made a significant appearance.** He said looting is typically done by locals – usually people with no criminal record who just get caught up in the moment.

Barr: It is Antifa.

Cops: It is Antifa.

Protestors: It is Antifa.

Antifa: It is us.

Blue checks: It is something else. — Andrew Beck (@AndrewBeckNYC) [8]May 30, 2020

A security expert says intelligence reports indicate most of the hard-core protesters in Minneapolis are far-left or anarchists, and that far-right groups have not yet made a significant appearance.[9]<https://t.co/pkJAKjkYYj> — USA TODAY (@USATODAY) [10]May 30, 2020

The first sign that this narrative was trash was when Walz's own public safety department couldn't back it up. It only got worse from there. At face value, it's just unbelievable, akin to China's COVID death toll and infection rate. Walz has been a bumbling clown in this situation and this fake talking point he trotted out only highlighted his failed leadership. It's a total nightmare in Minneapolis. It's a catastrophe. Don't make it worse by making social justice warrior-infused pivots that only lead you to crash into walls. Reality isn't that easily scaled, circumvented, or flanked, sir.

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Can a broke America fight a cold war with China? (2020-06-02 14:04)

– America seems to be on the verge of declaring cold war on China, while simultaneously weakening its own ability to wage such a conflict. Across the ideological spectrum, U.S. hostility to China has surged just as financial fallout of the pandemic threatens to harm the U.S. defense budget for years to come.

The United States may thus be entering a period like the beginning of the original Cold War, when it decided to confront the Soviet Union on a shoestring. The U.S. ultimately won that Cold War, of course, but that analogy should be less comforting than it first seems because it reminds us that a cash-strapped approach to competition can be an extremely risky one.

For several years, American national security elites have mostly called for a more competitive strategy toward China, while the American people have not been so certain. Now the coronavirus has convinced many Americans that the Chinese government poses not just some nebulous threat to the U.S.-led international order, but a direct danger to their prosperity and well-being.

Overwhelming majorities of Republicans and Democrats now favor a China policy as tough as or tougher than the Trump administration's current stance. With an eye to November, U.S. President Donald Trump and presumptive Democratic candidate Joe Biden are competing over who is the bigger China hawk. As economic decoupling accelerates, and rhetoric and policies harden on both sides, the U.S.-China cold war that pundits have been predicting may actually be unfolding.

Yet the coronavirus is also threatening to put the U.S. at a strategic disadvantage. The issue here isn't Trump's inept handling of the crisis or his alienation of U.S. allies, as damaging as those factors have been. The problem is one of budgetary arithmetic.

The U.S. government has decided, correctly, to spend whatever is necessary to keep the economy alive even as most normal commerce is suffocated. That decision is likely to add several trillion dollars to an already impressive deficit this year. We could easily see a repeat performance next year. Spiraling deficits will eventually produce a budgetary reckoning, with the Defense Department likely to be one of the victims.

After the 2008-2009 financial crisis, the U.S. sought to reduce deficits by cutting defense and nondefense discretionary spending. The Pentagon ultimately absorbed some \$500 billion in cuts in the years thereafter. Rand Corp. analysts have predicted that similar reductions constitute a best-case scenario after the coronavirus crisis. The cuts could go significantly deeper.

This is a problem. Even with a defense budget of over \$700 billion, there are growing concerns about whether the U.S. military can stop a Chinese assault on Taiwan and hold the line in the Western Pacific while still maintaining other commitments worldwide. If the U.S. ends up with a defense budget of \$600 billion or even \$500 billion for a sustained period, American defense strategy will be in real trouble.

The Pentagon will be faced with hard choices. It could seek to hold China in check by reducing commitments elsewhere. It could embrace higher-risk strategies like nuclear escalation to defend exposed allies and partners. Or it could simply try to bluff its way through austerity by hoping that adversaries won't test America's decreased capabilities. None of these options seem particularly good, especially with U.S.-China tensions rising and as Beijing appears to view the chaos caused by the coronavirus more as a window of strategic opportunity than a reason for restraint.

In some ways, the situation is reminiscent of the early Cold War. By early 1947, there was a growing consensus that the U.S. must oppose Soviet subversion and expansion. In March, President Harry Truman issued the closest thing to an American declaration of cold war, announcing that "nearly every nation must choose between alternative ways of life," and that Washington would henceforth "support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures." There followed a series of iconic policies — the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — meant to shore up the free world against economic misery, political turmoil and Soviet predation.

Often forgotten is how weak the U.S. defense posture was. The military had shrunk from 12 million personnel in 1945 to under 2 million in 1947. The U.S. did have a brief monopoly on nuclear weapons, but only a limited ability to deliver them effectively. Its ability to defend Western Europe, the Middle East or other key territories from Soviet attack was virtually nonexistent. "We were spread from hell to breakfast," Undersecretary of State Robert Lovett later said, "all over the world."

This minimalist approach was based on a calculation that the Soviet Union would not start another world war before it had recovered from the last one. It was also based on budgetary constraints and an understandable desire for demobilization after World War II. Truman was a "hard-money man," determined not to run deficits or raise taxes; he knew the American people wanted to bring the troops home. So the U.S. pursued containment on the cheap, committing to protect the free world without developing the forces necessary to do so.

It worked — sort of. The Soviets did not attack during the late 1940s, although they did seek to squeeze the U.S. and its Western friends out of Berlin by blockading that city. The Marshall Plan helped revive Western European economies and stabilize the region's politics. The U.S., meanwhile, tried to keep the Soviets off balance through propaganda and psychological warfare, covert operations and efforts to drive wedges between Moscow and other communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

The implication for today is that there are plenty of elements of U.S.-China competition that don't require huge military expenditures: creating alternatives for countries that might otherwise have to rely on Chinese loans or technology, hardening free societies against authoritarian interference by developing better techniques for exposing and countering disinformation, and reinforcing the economic and diplomatic relationships among the world's democracies, to name a few.

But in other ways, the analogy is more sobering. The poor man's version of Soviet containment required running tremendous military and strategic risks — a gamble that America might be caught short if war came, along with the

possibility that the imbalance of military power in key areas might dishearten U.S. allies and create opportunities for communist intimidation or aggression. "The trouble," Secretary of State George Marshall commented, "was that we are playing with fire while we have nothing with which to put it out."

When the Korean War began and then escalated in 1950, American policymakers had to confront the horrifying possibility that the Soviets might be willing to risk a global war that Washington would be in danger of losing. That sequence of events led to the military buildup of the early 1950s, meant to close the gaps that an opportunistic enemy might exploit.

The lesson is that economic, political and diplomatic tools of competition are vital — but as tensions rise, they may not be sufficient. A policy of confrontation, however justified, can invite disaster if undertaken without an adequate military shield. It would be a perilous irony if the coronavirus was what finally convinced many Americans to take the challenge from China seriously but left the nation too weak to do much about it

The Third Worlding of America (2020-06-05 20:26)

The death of George Floyd was something out of the Third World. Anyone can empathize with the plight of another human being, hands cuffed behind his back, prostrate on the ground, with the knee of another person pressing into their neck for nearly nine minutes. A horrific scene.

But now the knee of the mob is crushing the neck of prostrate, civilized America, as we descend into a Third World cesspit with astonishing rapidity.

The images every night for the past week have been surreal. Hordes of Americans, black and white, burning, ransacking and pillaging with near impunity in cities across America, smashing windows and looting high fashion outlets and mom-and-pop stores alike. Police officers being thrown to the ground like ragdolls. Police officers being shot in the head or stabbed in the neck while trying to maintain order. Ivy League-educated corporate lawyers throwing a Molotov cocktail into a police car filled with officers. An old woman being beaten with a viciousness reminiscent of a beating delivered upon Jews by SS guards in the Warsaw ghetto. Her husband meets the same fate as he tries to defend her with a golf club.

A heroic 77-year-old retired black police captain shot to death trying to prevent looting. Shot to death for some televisions. Shot to death as he tried to protect the property at a friend's pawn shop, after he'd spent a career defending the people of St. Louis.

God bless David Dorn. His final moments of life, captured by someone on a cell phone camera, were surely as painful to watch as those of George Floyd. And while no one should die as either man did, Mr. Dorn's life exemplified what all Americans should aspire to, serving his fellow man. The same cannot be said of Mr. Floyd.

The brilliant conservative commentator, Candace Owens, did research into Mr. Floyd's background. Her findings were very illuminating and can be seen here in a must-watch video. How many people know that Mr. Floyd, who many are holding up as a pillar of the community, was found by the medical examiner to have methamphetamine and fentanyl in his system? Or that he had served five separate stints in prison for various crimes? Or that one of those crimes was a home invasion, in which he stuck a pistol in the belly of a pregnant woman, while four cohorts ransacked her home looking for drugs and money? They settled with stealing her wallet and cell phone. Fortunately, the woman's neighbor, suspicious of the activity at the home, caught the license plate of the men's vehicle and called police. When caught, Mr. Floyd was driving the getaway car.

Yes, I understand that none of the foregoing excuses the actions of police officer Derek Chauvin in subduing Mr. Floyd while he was being arrested, yet again. No police officer I've ever met would condone kneeling on any detainee's neck.

But if nationwide wilding and mayhem are to occur, with all the attendant deaths and destruction we have witnessed, how paradoxical it seems that the Great Rage should result from the unjustified death of home invader George Floyd, while David Dorn's life was so casually forfeited by those claiming to be outraged at police brutality visited upon blacks. David Dorn was a police officer too, defending fellow blacks, and Missourians of every other stripe, for nearly four decades. His death has produced no similar outrage.

Kneeling into the neck of George Floyd only began our descent into national madness. Kneeling continues to be a theme in this continuing societal trauma as we witness the creepy spectacle of a crowd of "progressive" white automatons kneeling, with hands raised, before black activists demanding penitence. It appears to be some sort of ritualistic obeisance to blacks as atonement for the supplicants' sin of having enjoyed "white privilege."

The psychic damage evident in so many Americans today in the form of ideologically-based self-loathing has become shockingly apparent. No society whose members evince such self-hatred can be long for this world. Others with self-confidence will see opportunity and eventually seek to displace them, just as a lioness on the African plain can smell weakness among her prey.

Those who do the displacing may take the form of Islamic militants or anarcho-communists who call themselves Antifa, officially labeled a domestic terrorist organization recently, that is well-known and long-studied by those in the national security establishment. (For an excellent discussion of Antifa's history, methodology and threat profile, see this Washington Times piece.)

The current anarchy is just the latest symptom in the Third Worlding that has been going on in America in recent times. Flashing warning signs have abounded for years.

Barack Obama weaponized the entire national security establishment of our country to remove his party's political opponent in a fraudulently predicated counter-intelligence operation worthy of a tinpot South American dictator. Of course, even before he launched that seditious campaign, he had sicced the IRS on conservative Tea Party groups, which effectively crippled them before the 2018 elections, helping his party retake the House of Representatives that year.

And of course, we've had a pandemic virus, whose origin (whether in a lab or in a wet market) is still to be definitively ascertained, sweep the land. This resulted in the mandating of face mask-wearing for most Americans, like equatorial tribespeople in sub-Saharan Africa. This policy proved oh-so-helpful as the aforementioned Antifa destroyers could blend so seamlessly into crowds of similarly masked protesters as they went about their ransacking ways.

And finally, we've had most of the country's population under virtual house arrest for nearly three months.

The total picture in America today - between virus, Visigoth-like mayhem, and economic shutdown - is so shocking as to be almost incomprehensible. It will be the responsibility of the current president and the one elected, or re-elected, in November, to restore sanity. Let us hope a return to the First World awaits.

It Looks Like the 180-Degree Turn on COVID Lockdowns Just Became a Huge In-Kind Contribution to Trump's Re-election (2020-06-05 20:30)

Is this the end of the 'expert'? If not, we're on that trajectory with the medical community's transparent shift regarding the lockdowns over the coronavirus outbreak. Businesses couldn't reopen because we needed to control the spread, flatten the curve, and ensure the hospitals were not overrun. Venturing out made you a selfish bastard. And then, a couple of weeks prior, though some of you were already poking holes through the narrative, there was a great reversal. Some were grounded in good news. New York City, the mecca of the US-based outbreak, saw deaths decline and hospitalizations stabilize. Hooray! Then, the CDC study showed that the mortality rate was around .04 percent, which makes this virus less deadly than the flu. Then, the CDC said that this virus doesn't spread as easily on surfaces—this was one of the main reasons for the stay-at-home order. Asymptomatic people touching stuff and passing on the pathogen. The curve was flattened. States not heavily impacted were set to reopen and the liberal media went haywire. Florida was supposed to be awash with bodies. That was over eight weeks ago—and we still have no mountains of dead bodies. Some of us, myself included, overreacted. Initially, I think most were fine with the quarantine over the health care system overload and stopping the spread reasons, but some Democrats, in typical fashion, decided to move the goalposts to stay inside until we have a vaccine.

No. That was never possible. We would all be out of work. The overreach seen in some states is horrific but hardly a shock given the political leadership at the helm. Are we shocked New Jersey, deep-blue and insufferably liberal New Jersey, went off the rails in enforcing its lockdown measures? Measures that Gov. Phil Murphy admitted to drawing up without giving a thought to constitutional rights—no. It is time to reopen. And now, the liberal media and the health experts agree, but only because riots have sparked across the country that could be weaponized to make the Trump administration look bad.

George Floyd died under police custody in Minneapolis on May 25. It's all on video. It's heinous. It's an atrocity. Floyd died when arresting officer Derek Chauvin kept his knee on the back of his neck. He kept it there for nearly ten minutes. Floyd can be heard crying out that he was having trouble breathing. He was killed. Period. Chauvin was fired and charged with second-degree murder. The three other officers involved were also fired and charged with aiding and abetting murder.

Protests were held across the country, and many have devolved into full-blown riots. There should be outrage. In fact, the country was united in anger, but that breaks down when looting, vandalism, and mayhem become rampant, and that has happened in our cities. Oh right, the lockdowns, yes—they're over. Given how the medical community now says that racism is just as much a pandemic as COVID, the expert class has been exposed as true pod people. We've gone from stay home and be a hero and help medical staff to get out there and protest or you're supporting white supremacy. That's quite the 180-degree turn. Academia is infested with liberal bias, but as the woke legions graduate and continue to spread their cancer into other institutions, this is what you get. Pseudo-scientific nonsense and decisions based on bashing Trump.

It's outright madness. The chair of the NYC health committee actually said if there is a spike in COVID cases in the Big Apple, blame racism, not the rioters. If anything, it shows that being "woke" and politically correct probably exacerbated the outbreak when it first arrived in the city, as Trump was bashing China at the time. Chinese New Year was in full swing, come on down to show Trump what for—and get exposed to a virus that was out of control at the time.

It's gone off the rails. The real danger is down the line. How can we trust these clowns again when a real deadly pathogen bubbles up—and it will. As long as there is life on Earth, the virus will stick around. It's scary, but Trump-derangement from the professional Left, which dominates these fields of study, will be to blame.

You have to admit, this lockdown narrative was a well-executed strategy. The liberal media keeps up the doom and gloom news, which tanks the markets. The political class seeing this chooses the 'better safe than sorry' approach and enacts stay-at-home order, and then the pinch on businesses begins. The hope was to keep fear alive and let this eat into Trump's re-election chances. Those who deviate are shamed. Rinse and repeat until the data started to show this was an overreaction. And now, with a new issue that can be used to attack Trump, get on out and riot.

Liberal reporter Michael Tracey, who has gone after other lefties for their insanity over Trump-Russia collusion, has been on a tear. First, he rightfully [1]slammed the left-wing activist-media complex for being coddled babies who are totally insane. Now, he's set his sights on the medical folks who now say put COVID on pause, as if this is a video game, and smash racism.

Tracey kicked a hornet's nest, and a whole lot of insanity came pouring out.

1,200 of the country's most renowned public health "experts" have signed a letter calling outdoor mass gatherings "vital to the national public health and to the threatened health specifically of Black people." We are in the midst of a mass psychotic break [2]<https://t.co/Ka57iiu4PO> — Michael Tracey (@mtracey) [3]June 5, 2020

Money quote: "This should not be confused with a permissive stance on all gatherings, particularly protests against stay-home orders. Those actions not only oppose public health interventions, but are also rooted in white nationalism and run contrary to respect for Black lives." [4]<https://t.co/J771zB3riN> — Andrew Sullivan (@sullydish) [5]June 5, 2020

The letter was drafted by infectious disease "experts" at the University of Washington, which has been integral in studying the coronavirus in the US. They write that "pervasive racism" is now "the paramount public health problem," superseding the virus. WHAT THE FUCK!!!!!! — Michael Tracey (@mtracey) [6]June 5, 2020

This is a professor of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins. What the absolute fuck. We have to be witnessing one of the craziest overnight shifts in mass psychology... ever. Like, in all of human history [7]<https://t.co/NnNiTNussK> — Michael Tracey (@mtracey) [8]June 5, 2020

Epidemiologists and public health "experts" have just nuked the credibility of their entire field. It's astonishing [9]<https://t.co/riAi6gxOOh> — Michael Tracey (@mtracey) [10]June 5, 2020

White male Michael Tracey doesn't understand (?) that systematic racism is indeed a greater threat to health and life p/c than [11] #COVID19, but it is. It doesn't take a public health expert to know that racism kills BIPOC... you can see the discrepancies *in the pandemic* ffs [12]<https://t.co/KTODPsVXfL> — outside agitator (@tarynfivek) [13]June 5, 2020

Take a look at this tweet from a Johns Hopkins epidemiology professor who wrote, "We should always evaluate the risks and benefits of efforts to control the virus. In this moment the public health risks of not protesting to demand an end to systemic racism greatly exceed the harms of the virus."

I mean, even *Politico* is highlighting [14]the odd turnaround here [emphasis mine]:

"The injustice that's evident to everyone right now needs to be addressed," Abraar Karan, a Brigham and Women's Hospital physician who's exhorted coronavirus experts to amplify the protests' anti-racist message, told me. "While I have voiced concerns that protests risk creating more outbreaks, the status quo wasn't going to stop #covid19 either," he wrote on Twitter this week.

It's a message echoed by media outlets and some of the most prominent public health experts in America, like former Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director Tom Frieden, who loudly warned against efforts to rush reopening but is now supportive of mass protests. Their claim: If we don't address racial inequality, it'll be that much harder to fight Covid-19. There's also evidence that the virus doesn't spread easily outdoors, especially if people wear masks.

The experts maintain that their messages are consistent—that they were always flexible on Americans going outside, that they want protesters to take precautions and that they’re prioritizing public health by demanding an urgent fix to systemic racism.

But their messages are also confounding to many who spent the spring strictly isolated on the advice of health officials, only to hear that the need might not be so absolute after all. It’s particularly nettlesome to conservative skeptics of the all-or-nothing approach to lockdown, who point out that many of those same public health experts—a group that tends to skew liberal—widely criticized activists who held largely outdoor protests against lockdowns in April and May, accusing demonstrators of posing a public health danger. Conservatives, who felt their own concerns about long-term economic damage or even mental health costs of lockdown were brushed aside just days or weeks ago, are increasingly asking whether these public health experts are letting their politics sway their health care recommendations.

[...]

Conservatives also have seized on a Twitter thread by Drew Holden, a commentary writer and former GOP Hill staffer, comparing how politicians and pundits criticized earlier protests but have been silent on the new ones or even championed them.

“I think what’s lost on people is that there have been real sacrifices made during lockdown,” Holden told me. **“People who couldn’t bury loved ones. Small businesses destroyed. How can a health expert look those people in the eye and say it was worth it now?”**

[...]

...many say the protests are worth the risk of a possible Covid-19 surge, including hundreds of public health workers who signed an open letter this week that sought to distinguish the new anti-racist protests “from the response to white protesters resisting stay-home orders.”

Those protests against stay-at-home orders “not only oppose public health interventions, but are also rooted in white nationalism and run contrary to respect for Black lives,” according to the letter’s nearly 1,300 signatories. **“Protests against systemic racism, which fosters the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 on Black communities and also perpetuates police violence, must be supported.”**

And this is how you turn a colossal event that possibly could have hurt Trump in 2020 and morph it into a massive in-kind contribution to his re-election effort. Why? Because liberals are stupid. Yes, their allies in the media did a swell job selling panic and trashing the market. And then thinking this reversal after everything that’s been said—it’s just...you cannot make it up. The liberal bias is explicitly clear and be prepared to defend every suggestion you make from here going out because the default position should be to look on these clowns with contempt and skepticism.

Sorry, small business owners protesting over these Democratic governors arbitrarily extending the lockdowns are not grounded in white supremacy. Also, do these “experts” think that black small business owners weren’t impacted by this quarantine? If anything, these people telling folks it’s ok to go outside and protest have done more to harm their communities than COVID ever could with the violent turn that has occurred. Minneapolis burned. The Big Apple descended into chaos. Cops are being targeted by mobs. It’s mayhem out there, but it’s fine because “orange man...bad,” right. The lockdowns are over. Ignore their advice from here going forward. They’re finished

Between missing the fall of the Soviet Union, botching 9/11, fabricating Iraq WMD, botching the Arab Spring, lying about Iran’s nukes, telling us ISIS was no big deal, peddling the Russian collusion hoax, and lying about coronavirus, have The Experts™ been right about anything? — Sean Davis (@seanmdav)
[15] June 5, 2020

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Great Depression 2 continued (2020-06-06 08:45)

Residential debt is non-recourse. The lender can get collateral, but can't seek out on any further compensation even if the collateral doesn't match the defaulted amount in full. Commercial debt is recourse so the lender can seize other assets from the debtor. Now after countless small and midrange commercial enterprises have tumbled into financial ruin, with bankruptcy filings in the thousands. This pillar of capitalism may fall changing how loan defaults are handled. This results in senate bill 939. This would allow small businesses change lease deals if they been affected by the lockdowns and economic tultant from the global health crisis. Landlords couldn't do rent increases. It would allow businesses to put more money toward employees rather than rent. The widespred shuttering of small businesses and nonprofit would be a loss of goods and services that they provide. One these businesses close, they would be unable to get on their feet. If small businesses have lost 40 % of their revenue or if social distancing affected it , then small businesses can renegotiate their least agreements. If two parties can't negotiate after 30 days, the tenets can back out of the lease. That means no liability for future rent, fees or other costs would be mandatory under the lease. That would shift commercial loans into non-recourse debt. People argue that commercial non-recourse debt is not constitutional. They argue that landlords would be completely vulnerable when the tenants can abandon their leases under less dire circumstances. 80 % of California apartment owners are independent. Landlords cover upkeep, mortgage payments, and other projects. After travel came to a halt, bill 939 has been targeting the hospitality sector or hotels. Bill 939 will expire at the end of 2021. The California business properties association said Bill 939 could cause a financial collapse. When land lords become unstable, lenders can put out cash calls. Because real estate runs on carefully networked relationships, a clear advantage to one side a deep distrust and sense of injustice. Renters need a full decade to make good on their rent payments without added interest while landlords receive tax credits with the value of unpaid rent. They said receiving rent payments as usual is not possible in 2020. The grocery store has increased the most in 50 years. 5 trillion has been spent by the Federal Reserve this year and by the end of the year 10 trillion will be spent. One indicator of a great depression 2 is drop in consumer spending. Second is a economic plunge caused by a pandemic that is causing a financial crisis, Third is shuttered businesses and corporate greed like buybacks of corporate stock, investor overconfidence. No growth in the GDP, in a couple of years, a spike in unemployment rate. The great depression of 1930s caused 27.8 % plunge in GDP. The 2020 depression may cause 50 % plunge in GDP. Many households refusing to spend on anything other then groceries and healthcare. The economy should open sooner so its not crippled by the healthcare crisis, Only 7 % of American would like to go to a movie theater. 4 % would like to go to Concerts, amusement parks or theater performance. The third indicator is social inequality for keeping businesses running and employees employed.

Great Depression 2 continued (2020-06-10 08:47)

There is a lot of people going broke trying to look rich. You should get your debts paid down like me. When hyperinflation hits, the 401ks, the money markets will be almost worthless. Maybe the federal government is keeping this on life support until they no longer can. It's like spiritual warfare coming to America. Somewhere on the Internet, I found that pensions will run out in 2028! The federal government was lying to us for decades. The politicians have made promises they can't keep. This is the broadest global collapse since 1870 despite unprecedented government support. The world economy is supposed to contract 5.2 %. It will drive 70 – 100 million to extreme poverty. NBER says there is a recession. The V shaped recovery has happened for stocks but not for the economy. Landlords are sending 1000s of default notices to tenants that could get retailers into bankruptcy. The amount of companies going under is escalating. CBMS will become worthless as people move out of the malls. There's too much retail in general. May saw the most bankruptcies since 2009. Government started QE4 in September 2019. The markets love it. The federal reserve is doing QE5 right now. Are they seeing the same problems right now as back in September. During QE5, the federal reserve is buying less and less treasuries. They take 4 billion. The federal reserve requirements are zero. The financial establishments can do anything they want. Hyperinflation in the future. The whole world is doing the exact same thing as the federal reserve doing QE5. It started in late may, companies sent 1000s of default notices. Department stores, restaurants, specialty chains and apparel merchants haven't paid their rent for the last 3 months and have received notices from their landlords. There is this fear that the businesses that haven't paid their rent are either bankrupt or filing for bankruptcy. There is a lot of worrying like terminating leases and locking up stores. 7.4 billion dollars of rent has to be paid for April. There was 733 businesses that declared bankruptcy. Only 487 businesses filed bankruptcy in 2019. There are 27 companies that have \$50 million dollars in liabilities. Almost all businesses weren't ready for this kind of economic meltdown. Congress is pressured to increase the number of bankruptcy judges. It'll take months if not years for things to return to normal. Almost all sectors of the economy will suffer long term effects. Bankruptcies include airlines, energy, real estate, automotive suppliers, retail, hospitality. Most of these companies that declared bankruptcy were caught borrowing heavily. The federal reserve opened its stores for companies to take more debt. Most of the money the businesses make were to pay dividends, not employees. There will be a slow-down in cash flows and decrease in revenues so more companies will go bankrupt in the coming months. There is a history wave of insolvencies in the united states. Most investment grade companies have borrowed \$1 trillion in the first 5 months of 2020. This amount of debt will negatively affect the economy. In the coming months there will be bankruptcy levels never recorded in American history. Declaring personal bankruptcy will discharge many forms of debt and stop re processions and foreclosures.

Why You No Longer Recognize Your Country (2020-06-11 09:03)

Mass looting throughout the nation. Police precincts burned to the ground. Murdered cops. A historic church in Lafayette Park set on fire. Video after horrifying video of innocent Americans being beaten senseless by gangs of thugs, as one political party demands: "DEFUND THE POLICE!"

Everyone is saying it: *I no longer recognize my country.*

You don't recognize your country because it's not the same country. What you're seeing is the third-world hellhole the left has been quietly assembling for us since 1970.

Minnesota, the crucible of the riots, has gone from having 2.6 % foreign-born in 1990 to nearly 10 % foreign-born today — and that's not including their children or illegals.

Instead of liberal but non-rioting Scandinavians and Germans, the new immigrants are overwhelmingly African, Asian and Hispanic. In fact, Minnesota now has a much larger proportion of Asian and African immigrants than the nation as a whole.

Although the state has always leaned Democratic, thanks to its German and Scandinavian immigrants (Ben Franklin was right about them), the Norsemen elected Walter Mondale. Recent immigrants elected Rep. Ilhan Omar.

Hey, Republicans! Tell me again that immigration is just a “single issue.”

America’s first encounter with anarchist mobs trying to wreck our country came with the last wave of immigrants at the turn of the 20th century. Back then, most Americans liked America. So we had no trouble cracking down on the people who would destroy us. Seven of the eight anarchists behind the Haymarket riot in 1886 were sentenced to death (two of those sentences were commuted to life in prison by the governor), one to 15 years in prison.

A few decades later, Attorney General Mitchell Palmer put an end to the nonsense by arresting and deporting more than 500 leftist immigrants.

For the next century, these satanic meddlers were out in the cold. It’s not in the Anglo-Saxon character either to give or take orders. The anarchist agitating was wasted on us. Even the most hard-luck Americans had no patience with communists.

America was unusual that way. Everywhere else in the world, the backbone of the Communist Party — at least at first — is the working class. But to its eternal embarrassment, the American left was bereft of working-class members. Luckily for them, our post-1965 immigration policies gave them a major infusion of the third world’s working class.

Communist and anarchist groups are still — as always — top-heavy with recent immigrants, community college professors, unbalanced women and fatherless soy boys. But it used to be that voters were repelled by these freaks.

Not anymore! California went from being the state that gave us Ronald Reagan (smashed the Berkeley riots) and Richard Nixon (president during Kent State) to the state of Gov. Gavin Newsom (celebrated Black Lives Matter mural on the mall outside the capitol) and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti (took a knee at a BLM protest).

How did that devolution happen?

Answer: immigration. When Reagan was elected governor of California, the state was 77 % white. Today, whites are a minority at 37 %.

You wonder why Democrats are always crowing about how the “blacks and the browns” are voting for them? Another way of putting it is: White voters are the only ones who will ever, in a million years, give a majority of their votes to a Republican.

But the immigration of vast numbers of non-whites from dysfunctional cultures is just a “single issue.”

Yes, Newsom and Garcetti are white Americans — and they’re very sorry about that. But who elected them? The same ethnic groups that elected Hugo Chavez, Evita Peron, fought for Mao and wept fake bitter tears over Kim Jong Il’s death. (You can watch [1]here.)

They’re the same ethnic groups that elected Omar, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and New York City Mayor Bill Di Blasio — mostly Asians and Hispanics brought in since the 1970s for the purpose of voting for Democrats (and also cleaning their homes and doing computer programming for less!).

Di Blasio, who distinguished himself during the riots, won 96 % of the black vote, 87 % of the Hispanic vote, 70 % of the Asian vote and only 54 % of the white vote.

Tell me immigration is a “single issue,” again, Republicans.

Becoming more third world is going to mean a lot more protests. It’s how third worlders express themselves — along with Molotov cocktails, as New York City police [2]found out last week.

When Congress proposed cracking down on illegal immigration in 2006, half a million illegals lined the streets of L.A. to protest. During the L.A. riots after the Rodney King verdict, more than half of those arrested were Hispanic.

We don’t have the figures for the current, ongoing nationwide riots, but a Loyola-Marymount professor recently gushed to The New York Times that compared to the Rodney King riots, these have been “truly multicultural.” If we

ever find out, I'll lay even odds that a lot of the looters standing by with empty suitcases outside the luxury stores were our immigrant fraudsters, otherwise employed stealing billions of dollars from Medicare, Social Security and food stamp programs.

Conservatives think they're so clever to point out that all of the cities being turned into war zones are run by Democrats. Yes, that's true.

On the other hand, *your country is burning*. Might you want to give 10 seconds of thought to how to prevent even more cities — and states — from falling under these pernicious leaders?

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The Top 500 Heavy Metal Songs of All Time (2020-06-12 16:26)

1. *Paranoid* by Black Sabbath
2. *Master of Puppets* by Metallica
3. *Ace of Spades* by Motörhead
4. [1]*Crazy Train* by Ozzy Osbourne
5. *Angel of Death* by Slayer
6. *The Number of the Beast* by Iron Maiden
7. *Hallowed Be Thy Name* by Iron Maiden
8. [2]*War Pigs* by Black Sabbath
9. *Back in Black* by AC/DC
10. *Iron Man* by Black Sabbath
11. *Heaven and Hell* by Black Sabbath
12. *Painkiller* by Judas Priest
13. *One* by Metallica
14. *Highway Star* by Deep Purple
15. *Black Sabbath* by Black Sabbath
16. [3]*Holy Wars... The Punishment Due* by Megadeth
17. *Victim of Changes* by Judas Priest
18. *Electric Eye* by Judas Priest
19. [4]*Welcome to the Jungle* by Guns N' Roses
20. [5]*Raining Blood* by Slayer
21. [6]*Creeping Death* by Metallica

22. *Fade to Black* by Metallica
23. *Highway to Hell* by AC/DC
24. [7]*The Trooper* by Iron Maiden
25. [8]*Smoke on the Water* by Deep Purple
26. *Balls to the Wall* by Accept
27. [9]*Peace Sells* by Megadeth
28. [10]*Run to the Hills* by Iron Maiden
29. [11]*You've Got Another Thing Comin'* by Judas Priest
30. *Holy Diver* by Dio
31. *For Whom the Bell Tolls* by Metallica
32. [12]*Shout at the Devil* by Mötley Crüe
33. [13]*Fast as a Shark* by Accept
34. *Sabbath Bloody Sabbath* by Black Sabbath
35. [14]*Stairway to Heaven* by Led Zeppelin
36. [15]*Enter Sandman* by Metallica
37. *Stargazer* by Rainbow
38. *Hells Bells* by AC/DC
39. *The Last in Line* by Dio
40. *Seasons in the Abyss* by Slayer
41. *Burn* by Deep Purple
42. *Cowboys from Hell* by Pantera
43. [16]*Beyond the Realms of Death* by Judas Priest
44. *Symptom of the Universe* by Black Sabbath
45. *South of Heaven* by Slayer
46. [17]*Rainbow in the Dark* by Dio
47. [18]*Detroit Rock City* by KISS
48. *Walk* by Pantera
49. [19]*Child in Time* by Deep Purple
50. [20]*Seek & Destroy* by Metallica
51. [21]*Runnin' with the Devil* by Van Halen
52. [22]*Over the Mountain* by Ozzy Osbourne

53. [23]*Children of the Grave* by Black Sabbath
54. *Diary of a Madman* by Ozzy Osbourne
55. *Aces High* by Iron Maiden
56. [24]*Whole Lotta Love* by Led Zeppelin
57. [25]*Breaking the Law* by Judas Priest
58. *Still of the Night* by Whitesnake
59. [26]*Ain't Talkin' 'bout Love* by Van Halen
60. [27]*Rock and Roll All Nite* by KISS
61. [28]*2 Minutes to Midnight* by Iron Maiden
62. *Hell Awaits* by Slayer
63. *Lights Out* by UFO
64. *The Four Horsemen* by Metallica
65. [29]*Pull Me Under* by Dream Theater
66. *Hangar 18* by Megadeth
67. *Battery* by Metallica
68. *Kill the King* by Rainbow
69. *Into the Void* by Black Sabbath
70. *Black Dog* by Led Zeppelin
71. *Fight Fire With Fire* by Metallica
72. *For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)* by AC/DC
73. [30]*You Shook Me All Night Long* by AC/DC
74. *Rime of the Ancient Mariner* by Iron Maiden
75. *Black Metal* by Venom
76. *Bark at the Moon* by Ozzy Osbourne
77. [31]*Immigrant Song* by Led Zeppelin
78. *Kashmir* by Led Zeppelin
79. *Killers* by Iron Maiden
80. [32]*Mr. Crowley* by Ozzy Osbourne
81. *War Ensemble* by Slayer
82. *Powerslave* by Iron Maiden
83. *Hall of the Mountain King* by Savatage

84. *Take Hold of the Flame* by Queensryche
85. [33]*Roots Bloody Roots* by Sepultura
86. *Screaming for Vengeance* by Judas Priest
87. *Photograph* by Def Leppard
88. [34]*Neon Knights* by Black Sabbath
89. [35]*Cemetery Gates* by Pantera
90. *Rock and Roll* by Led Zeppelin
91. [36]*N.I.B.* by Black Sabbath
92. [37]*I Wanna Be Somebody* by W.A.S.P.
93. [38]*Rock You Like a Hurricane* by The Scorpions
94. *Live Wire* by Mötley Crüe
95. *Revelations* by Iron Maiden
96. *Rock Bottom* by UFO
97. *2112* by Rush
98. *Metal Health (Bang Your Head)* by Quiet Riot
99. [39]*Living After Midnight* by Judas Priest
100. *Round and Round* by Ratt
101. *Fear of the Dark* by Iron Maiden
102. *Blackout* by Scorpions
103. *Whiplash* by Metallica
104. *Unchained* by Van Halen
105. *Doctor Doctor* by UFO
106. [40]*Wasted Years* by Iron Maiden
107. *Overkill* by Motörhead
108. *The Ripper* by Judas Priest
109. [41]*Queen of the Reich* by Queensryche
110. *Hell Bent for Leather* by Judas Priest
111. [42]*Mouth for War* by Pantera
112. [43]*Flying High Again* by Ozzy Osbourne
113. [44]*Symphony of Destruction* by Megadeth
114. *Tom Sawyer* by Rush

115. *A Dangerous Meeting* by Mercyful Fate
116. *Wrathchild* by Iron Maiden
117. *Power and the Glory* by Saxon
118. *Tyrant* by Judas Priest
119. [45]*I Want Out* by Helloween
120. *Circle of the Tyrants* by Celtic Frost
121. [46]*Whole Lotta Rosie* by AC/DC
122. *Ride the Lightning* by Metallica
123. [47]*Looks That Kill* by Mötley Crüe
124. *Phantom of the Opera* by Iron Maiden
125. *Dante's Inferno* by Iced Earth
126. *Tornado of Souls* by Megadeth
127. [48]*The Mob Rules* by Black Sabbath
128. *The Sentinel* by Judas Priest
129. [49]*Born to Be Wild* by Steppenwolf
130. [50]*Revolution Calling* by Queensryche
131. *Disposable Heroes* by Metallica
132. *Orion* by Metallica
133. *Fucking Hostile* by Pantera
134. [51]*Youth Gone Wild* by Skid Row
135. *Gates of Babylon* by Rainbow
136. *Halloween* by Helloween
137. [52]*Hammer Smashed Face* by Cannibal Corpse
138. *Mother* by Danzig
139. *Eyes of a Stranger* by Queensryche
140. [53]*Sweet Leaf* by Black Sabbath
141. [54]*Am I Evil?* by Diamond Head
142. *Wake up Dead* by Megadeth
143. [55]*Paradise City* by Guns N' Roses
144. *No More Tears* by Ozzy Osbourne
145. *Sails of Charon* by Scorpions

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What If Obama Were President and KKK Terrorists Took Control of an American City? (2020-06-14 10:15)

First, let's start with the new name of downtown Seattle. The communist-anarchist terrorists call it "CHAZ" for Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone. I've changed the name to "CATZ" for Communist Anarchist Terrorist Zone.

I'm talking, of course, about the new "country" formerly known as Seattle. The domestic antifa terrorists clearly in charge have set up borders, roadblocks and armed guards. They are holding six blocks of an American city hostage as a "no-go zone." There is a wave of robberies, assaults and rapes going on inside that "zone," according to the Seattle police. It's all being run by a "warlord" – a Soundcloud rapper. You can't make this stuff up.

This insanity is happening in America.

Then there are the liberal and obviously mentally ill politicians in charge. The Democratic governor claims he knows nothing about it. He's doing his best imitation of Sgt. Schultz from the old TV series "Hogan's Heroes" – "I see nothing. I hear nothing. I know nothing." The governor pretends he doesn't know the biggest city in his state has been seized by communist-anarchist terrorists.

The Democratic mayor of Seattle calls the terrorists "patriotic." I kid you not.

The leading councilperson in Seattle – also a Democrat – gave the radical terrorists the keys to city hall.

Now she's demanding the police surrender to the terrorists, while introducing legislation to permanently hand six city blocks to domestic terrorists. The lunatics are running the asylum.



This isn't an American city. It's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

How is this different than a violent bank robbery? When a bank is robbed, do the police surrender and permanently hand the bank to the bank robbers?

How is this different than an Islamic terrorist attack? If Islamic terrorists held a portion of Seattle hostage, wouldn't we send in the U.S. Marines to take it back?

But let me give you the best example of all. Substitute my hometown of Las Vegas for Seattle. Downtown Vegas has been seized and occupied by domestic terrorists. But instead of communist anarchists, these are armed white extremists, Ku Klux Klan terrorists. Just picture that scenario under Democratic former President Barack Obama, with Vegas under the control of a Republican governor, Republican mayor and Republican city council.

Now picture the Republican Nevada governor saying: "What are you talking about? I don't know anything about it. I haven't heard about any takeover." Picture the Republican mayor calling the takeover "patriotic." Picture a Republican councilperson demanding police "surrender" the Vegas downtown permanently to the KKK terrorists.

How would President Obama react? How about the liberal mainstream media, or leading Democratic politicians, or the NAACP? Would they all demand President Obama send in the U.S. Marines to retake downtown Las Vegas from terrorists? You can bet your last dollar they would.

And the Republican governor, mayor and councilperson who took the side of the KKK terrorists would also be charged with either treason or aiding and abetting terrorism.

So, why is the media responding so differently to an antifa terrorist takeover of Seattle? It's time for action. Domestic terrorists have invaded and taken over an American city. They are holding it hostage. American citizens are being terrorized.

So, there are two options, Mr. President: Send in the SWAT team, National Guard or U.S. Marines to take back Seattle from the terrorists.

Or, here's my solution, a peaceful option that won't endanger innocent lives: Surround the "autonomous zone" now called CHAZ, formerly known as downtown Seattle, with a massive show of law enforcement, FBI SWAT teams and either the National Guard or Marines.

Next, bring in the U.S. Army Core of Engineers. Construct a fence with barbed wire on top around the entire six blocks. Seal the terrorists in.

Next, cut off all electricity, gas, water and sewage. Prohibit supplies from being brought in. The terrorists are trapped. Give them a few days with no food, water, electricity or toilets. Watch them walk out with hands up, holding white flags.

Immediately arrest them; put them in handcuffs and leg irons; and fly them to Guantanamo, where they will await trial for terrorism charges. If convicted, be sure they receive life in prison.

That's a strong message sent to future rioters, hostage takers, invaders and various terrorist groups.

Isn't this what President Obama would have done to KKK terrorists holding a city hostage? You're damn right.

Go get 'em, President Trump.

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The Lives of All God's Children Matter (2020-06-15 18:38)

Honest dialogue on race in America requires involving both sides of our divide. For many years, too many have cowered into politically correct comments designed to keep them safe from charges of racism. That is not honest dialogue. Those who demonstrate see the numbers marching and may assume overwhelming support for their issues far beyond the killing of George Floyd. That could be an illusion.

Progressives demand orthodoxy—you must say “black lives matter” or face consequences. Any variation is viciously attacked! People have been fired; others have resigned with forced apologies for saying “all lives matter.”

Of course black lives matter, but the phrase now brings baggage and political implications that many Americans don't support. Many blacks are not marching in lockstep and renounce the “Black Lives Matter” agenda. There is no one

black voice. It takes no guts to spout progressive orthodoxy; you are praised in the media. It takes courage for blacks like Candice Owens, Larry Elder, Ben Carson, and others to face the attacks for standing against the left's agenda.

It's time citizens of all races to take off their politically correct muzzle. There is no room for attacks, but a strong need for consistent, rational, and measured responses. We also need to be part of the call for positive solutions.

Affirming my Christian faith, I state with conviction that all God's children matter! All are created in God's image. We must affirm the constitutional rights of every citizen. Stating "Black Lives Matter" while not including everyone else risks supporting yet another version of racism that makes one select group worthy of special treatment.

Demand a just and swift criminal prosecution of those who killed George Floyd. We join the overwhelming majority of Americans who call for justice. The officers involved have been charged and are due fair trials. You don't honor one victim by making others the victims of hate. Uphold the rule of law and let it run its course!

Demand that looters and domestic terrorists who used legal demonstrators as cover be apprehended, prosecuted, and convicted for their crimes if proven guilty. Their actions are an embarrassment to their country. Martin Luther King Jr. and the great civil rights leaders who gave their all in support of equal rights must be screaming from the grave—"This is not what we marched for!"

Don't defund police; defend your police. Dismiss radical demands to dismantle or defund the police force in your community. This is madness! Black-on-black crime makes black neighborhoods even more dependent on competent and engaged law enforcement. We need to stand with our responsible police officers, not attack them for the actions of a few.

It's time to work together to get rid of bad cops. Police unions have power and must work with city leadership to hold racist officers accountable. Bad cops should be systematically documented, fired and prosecuted if warranted. No good cop wants to work with bad cops. Rebuilding trust requires action, not promises and platitudes.

Use background checks, validated tests, and probationary periods to keep racist cops out of law enforcement. Don't settle for racist officers and expect them to change. They likely won't.

Acknowledge that both white and black racists exist. Racists come in all colors. There is no honest dialogue without each race facing and addressing the racism on their own side of the divide.

Continue Criminal Justice Reform. Both parties have made a good start. Criminals of any race who have paid the price for their crimes and showed evidence of changed behavior, should be able to earn the right to expunge their criminal record which helps secure good jobs. America should be about second chances.

Expand support for opportunity zones in disadvantaged areas. Both parties should work to help businesses bounce back from the destructions perpetrated by the rioting mobs. Make funds available to business owners who are ready to rebuild businesses and bring back jobs to distressed communities.

Give all parents school choice and the funds to go with it. Stop forcing parents to send their children to underperforming schools. Minority parents are crying out for school choice and the funds to make it happen. Parents of all races want schools that help their children succeed. End direct funding for public schools. Let all schools compete for students on the basis of results by letting parents choose where their school funds go!

Instead of just giving the megaphones to only black victims, it's time to focus on the thousands of black Americans who faced racism and succeeded anyway. Let them share what they did to claim their own American Dream. The solution to racism is never victim thinking, more government regulations, and racial entitlements.

Racists exist, but claiming that all whites share collective guilt for those racists is itself a form of racism. Few whites today are racist, and the vast majority have never been racists and don't associate or support people who are. As Victor Frankl has said, "There are only two races, the decent and the indecent." Amen! It's time for the decent Americans of all races to join together to stand against racism of any kind. We must all do our part to contribute to the unfolding story of America's challenge to live up to its promise of equal rights for all.

When the Dark Screams of Death Metal Corrode the Culture (2020-06-17 17:53)

Extreme Noise, Terror, Pungent Stench and Pestilence are all disagreeable topics of conversation for most people. They should be avoided in polite company. However, these repugnant things enjoy some favor in today's postmodern society.

The four topics are actually the names of death metal bands casually mentioned in [1]a recent newspaper article. These names are joined by others like Hate Storm Annihilation, Arch Enemy, and Misery Index. Their songs are characterized by screams, screeching and guttural groans. Some of the song titles include "First Day in Hell," "Regurgitated Guts," "Slowly We Rot" or "Masked in Leeches."

Such group names and song titles are typical in the world of heavy metal and death metal bands, as are band members wearing studded leather jackets or blue-streaked hair. Their music is accessible to any who want to find it, and the genre enjoys a large following. The band names that would be disgusting topics of conversation are apparently desirable branding labels.

Culture Doesn't Matter

All of this hurts the national culture. However, few people express concern about the influence of the bands' violent and morbid messages upon the nation. Some might even dismiss objections as prudish and exaggerated. After all, they claim, it is all about freedom. The music is not hurting anyone. The names, while disgusting, really don't matter.

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The reason for such a dismissive attitude is that most people really don't think culture matters. For them, culture is only about personal fun, gratification, and entertainment.

Politics, business and money do matter. However, culture merely represents individual choices separated from those things that matter. One can see, hear or do anything cultural without real consequences.

This culture-doesn't-matter mantra facilitates the extremes reached by postmodern phenomena like death metal bands as it allows a cultural revolution to progress unimpeded. While everyone is talking about politics, business, and money, postmodernism's dark messages corrode the culture and gradually destroy society.

The Postmodern Worldview

Czech poet [2]Vaclav Havel once defined postmodernism as a state in which everything is possible and almost nothing is certain. Indeed, the postmodern worldview holds nothing need have any definition and meaning. Everything, even the most blaring contradictions, must be accepted. There are no narratives into which things can be inserted. Rules must be broken to prove that nothing has consequences.

The example of the death metal bands is a typical expression of this definition in action. For postmoderns, bands can be called Extreme Noise, Terror, Pungent Stench and Pestilence since they are just words that annihilate meaning. The band names are made to shock by their powerful associations that defy convention and propriety. When a band sings "First Day in Hell," it challenges everything that is related to Heaven.

Likewise, the bands' morbid imagery and bizarre acts shock the sensibilities by the lack of rational connection to the real world. They create instead a macabre fantasy world, which undermines the rules and conventions of modern society.

Finally, postmodern music need not be beautiful; it is enough that it be presented as "music." The most irrational and blasphemous lyrics are not meant to be understood. Its screeching melodies need not be harmonious because harmony itself must be challenged.

Indeed, the only sensation left is that of sensation itself. Sensations must be ever more brutal and violent to impress the numbed soul.

Art Upside Down

Postmodern culture is not true culture. It does not represent art or beauty. [3]Postmodernism turns art upside down. It is anti-beauty disconnected from truth. It is music expressed as "extreme noise."

The purpose of any art is to lead to the good, the true and the beautiful. Postmodernism celebrates the evil, false and ugly by destroying art's metaphysical foundation in truth, logic and order. By its dynamism, it naturally tends toward the most radical manifestations of all that is disordered and offensive.

Hence, Extreme Noise, Terror, Pungent Stench and Pestilence present themselves in this bizarre context.

The Culture Does Have Consequences

Such considerations do not impress those who think culture doesn't matter. Heavy metal bands do not determine elections, create jobs or boost economic productivity. They claim that how people entertain themselves is no one's business, however outrageous it might seem.

And yet these same people will lament the decline of civility, family and community. They will complain that the "[4]social capital" that kept society and markets together isn't working like it used to work and that society is coming apart.

This is why culture does matter. Culture is by definition not restricted to individual preferences. It embraces the breadth of human knowledge as reflected in the arts, economy, politics and education. Culture affirms values that permeate all society. It contributes to the structuring of all human relationships, institutions and the State itself. Its action is often subtle and indirect, but it nevertheless has consequences.

Postmodernism Destroys Order

In fact, culture is much more powerful than political or economic forces. This is because culture is the glue that keeps things together in order. [5]Russell Kirk maintained that freedom, justice, law, and virtue are all very important, but "order is the first and most basic need."

Postmodernism destroys order by depriving a society of certainties, logic and identity. It corrupts art by depriving it of its proper end in beauty.

While death metal bands alone will not destroy order, they do contribute to it. They raise a standard of chaos toward which society slowly marches. They push the envelope of what is tolerable ever farther. When a society fails to see terror, stench and pestilence as evils, it works contrary to its ordered nature. To use the title of one of the death metal bands' songs, "Slowly We Rot."

The natural result of this cultural rot is the breakdown of society today. When people are exposed to crazy things, they will do crazy things. When ugliness and bizarre fashion dominate, they will take over the public square. When all cultural restraints are lifted, people lose control and kill others. All of these are effects of a culture gone awry.

Culture does matter. It should be the principal battleground upon which conservatives and Christians fight—not a sideshow to generate votes.

The Correct Orientation of a Culture War

To be effective, this Culture War must be properly oriented.

Both modernity and postmodernism fail to recognize culture's ultimate end. Secular modernity looks upon culture as an ordering influence leading to prosperity. Postmodernism sees it as a way of facilitating gratification.

The end of culture, especially when expressed by the arts, is to serve as a means to the knowledge and love of God. The corruption of culture will inevitably lead to its ugly and repulsive contrary. This anti-culture will always find its way to the greatest evils, often found openly in its Satanic references and imagery.

Culture should be properly understood as Christian and oriented by the Church. Saint Paul calls upon Christians to look to "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"(Phil. 4:8).

[6]Saint Bonaventure magnificently states that such a worldview allows Christians to clearly see "art as productive, exemplifying and ordering, given to us for looking upon God." Thus art serves to "lead the mind of the one contemplating and attaining wisdom to the Eternal God."

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How Socialists Will Usher in a New Hell on Earth (2020-06-17 18:24)

Americans are a generous people ready to lend a hand to those in need. When God blesses us with prosperity, we naturally want to practice acts of charity to help the less fortunate.

However, this charitable spirit is now threatened. There are those who hate this charity and desire to destroy the structures from which these material blessings flow. Indeed, we may face the coming hell of an America without charity.

One might ask what kind of heartless person could be against helping the poor. How could such people exert enough power in America to extinguish the light of charity?

“I Don’t Believe in Charities”

The answer comes from an anecdote of a popular political figure who spoke at a United Way charity benefit dinner many years ago

“I don’t believe in charities,” he said gruffly, adding that he did not “believe in the fundamental concepts on which charities are based and contend[s] that government, rather than charity organizations, should take over responsibility for charity programs.”

The outspoken figure was then-Mayor Bernie Sanders, an avowed socialist. The comment was quoted in a 1981 [1]*New York Times* article that recently resurfaced. As the ranks of socialist politicians are increasing, ideas like this one now blanket the nation and are gaining some traction.

Some might object that it seems exaggerated to link the comment of Bernie Sanders to the demise of charity in America. The Vermont senator is known for his outspokenness that may not always reflect socialist thought.

However, socialists do not “believe in the fundamental concepts on which charities are based.” By their toxic ideology, they are the natural enemies of private charity, and above all Christian charity. Thus, we do well to fear the terrible specter of a socialist America without charity.

No Such Thing as Socialist Charity

Indeed, socialist charity is an oxymoron. Most socialists hold that charity is a capitalist structure used to keep the poor downtrodden. Socialist literature is hostile to charity. Ironically, the greater the charity, the greater is the hostility since they do not want charity to solve social problems. They want the government to take control.

“Seize the charities!” writes [2]Patrick Stall on the radical Jacobin website. “Private charity will never cure capitalism’s ills.”

There are three reasons why socialists hate charity.

A Toxic Egalitarian Ideology

First, socialists hate charity because their egalitarian ideology demands economic equality above all things. To them, all inequality is unjust. Charity will always participate in this injustice since there can be no charity when everyone is equal.

When someone aids another, it presupposes that one person has more than another. Worse yet, this person has excessive wealth that might be given without harming his or her fortune. Thus, superfluous wealth, inherited wealth, and accumulated wealth are hateful because they represent an unjust system of excess that exploits the worker and facilitates inequality ... and charity.

This is why socialists seek state ownership or regulation of the means of production. It is better to refuse the goodwill of the rich than perpetuate this system. It is better to overtax the rich and allow the government to redistribute these “ill-gotten” funds than to allow the rich to give them freely.

The Humiliation of Receiving

Socialists also hate charity because it creates receivers of aid. Socialists hate the idea of contingency. They cannot bear the idea of people accepting gifts from others because they believe the needy are always victims of injustice. The poor can never be the victims of misfortunes, disasters, or their vices. Thus, socialists believe charity humiliates the poor who are forced to ask for what is rightfully theirs. Private charity perpetuates the structures of poverty. The poor must demand the fruits of another's success as a right not as a gift.

Moreover, the nature of charity creates another injustice in that it distributes wealth to the poor unequally. Those who receive support must “humiliate” themselves by asking for aid conditioned by the decision of the givers who give as they will. Rather than favor a system in which the needy are dependent on the wealthy, even if the benefits the poor receive from the rich are better, socialists prefer to construct huge government programs to distribute equally scarce tax dollars.

Socialists Hate Social Harmony

Finally, socialists hate the idea of charity because it undermines their concept of history as class struggle. The socialists do not want the harmony of the social classes but want to pit one class against another as a means of bringing about major social change. Their system presupposes and desires class strife.

To do this, they must break any [3]links between the social classes, especially those of charity. Normally, the rich and poor live separate lives with little contact between them. Charity manages to unite rich with poor by creating bonds of affection. The rich extend compassion to the poor whom they seek to help. The poor on their part respond with gratitude to those who help them. These rich personal relationships have historically united the social classes that would otherwise be divided.

Socialists hate these mutual relationships and prefer the cold machinery of the state. Consistent with their class struggle philosophies, socialists desire to create disharmony. By using the power of the state to distribute wealth, socialism destroys the bonds of charity and replaces them with resentment. The rich resent being overtaxed and forced to help the poor. The poor see government assistance as entitlements and thus have no gratitude. This attitude breeds resentment when there are not enough benefits—as often happens.

This resentment on both sides facilitates the class struggle that will bring about further socialist change.

An Incapacity to Understand Charity

All these are natural reasons why socialists hate charity; they are based on a misguided and distorted vision of the world.

However, the greatest obstacle to the socialist acceptance of the concept of charity is much more spiritual and theological. From their limited materialist perspective, socialists cannot understand true charity. They cannot grasp the enormous scope and efficacy of Christian charity. They only believe in power and self-interest; they cannot admit an order in which people might freely help one another for a higher cause. Socialists do not think of helping their neighbors since they do not recognize others as neighbors but only equal comrades. They erroneously think that only cold, brutal state systems can ensure the proper distribution of wealth—although they usually distribute corruption and misery as well.

The True Nature of Charity

The Church teaches that [4]charity is that habit that disposes us to love God above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God. Thus, we who gratuitously receive blessings from God become capable of gratuitously

giving to others without expecting anything in return. By grace, we overcome our selfishness and our repugnance of suffering to help others. We become capable of deeds that are beyond our fallen human nature. This action multiplies our capacity for giving, and in doing so it allows us to achieve things that are admirable, heroic, and sublime. This explains the incredible accomplishments of the saints and heroes who performed marvelous deeds and transformed society.

This spirit of charity gave rise to Christian civilization. [5]Ancient pagan culture nor even today's neo-pagan culture has been or is able to practice charity to the high degree achieved by the Church. This is due to the limitations of defective first principles that do not recognize our human dignity as endowed with an immortal soul.

There is no greater social unity than that produced by Christian charity which perfects the practice of justice and allows us to put the greater good over the lesser. It serves to quell the desire for personal gain and disordered passions. The practice of Christian charity creates a true union of heart and mind as all is directed toward the love of God, the source of all Good. Thus, we see our neighbors as brothers and sisters in Christ and not as faceless wards of the State.

A Hell on Earth

The socialist worldview could not be more contrary. Socialists deny any contingency on God and his Providence and embrace the state completely. A socialist society is a materialistic society without a higher purpose or meaning. Since the structure of society determines individual conduct, there can be no moral responsibility for one's acts—including infanticide. Since the primary injustice is inequality, society is doomed to an eternal class struggle against the natural accumulation of property. Such an immoral society built on resentment is a hell on earth—and this happens whenever socialism is fully implemented.

Thus, the rise of socialism in America today represents a grave danger to the America we know and love. The rhetoric of socialist politicians must not deceive us. Wherever socialism rules, charity is suppressed. Should socialism triumph in America, we will then see the establishment of a cruel and savage hell without charity.

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The Roots of American Alienation (2020-06-17 18:43)

After the 2016 elections, many tried to explain what happened. Some theories are not convincing since they seem to hide a darker reality of which we dare not speak. Others appear a bit too simplified to explain what we experience in daily life.

To start the process of understanding our crisis, we need a clear vision. One book that manages to sift through the simplifications and penetrate some dark mysteries is [1]*Alienated America, Why Some Places Thrive While Others Collapse* (2019) written by journalist Timothy Carney.

Straddling the Line Between Two Americas

The book does not aspire to be a major scholarly work of sociological analysis. Although well documented, Mr. Carney lets others do the heavy lifting. He borrows liberally from the theses of sociologists like [2]Charles Murray and Charles Putnam, who have convincingly described the emergence of two separate Americas after the 1960s.

One America consists of a more vibrant sector that prospers with its networks and social institutions. The other is a shattered, dysfunctional America lacking sufficient community links and well-constituted families.

Mr. Carney manages to straddle the line between the two Americas in observing the 2016 elections. We can identify with his observations, experiences, and anecdotes. He describes vividly how a massive collapse of civil society is destroying the America we once knew.

The book raises important questions about where we went wrong in our society and culture. More importantly, it also provides insights upon which we might ruminate and ponder.

The Concept of Alienation

The concept of alienation is one such point to ponder. Mr. Carney makes use of sociologist [3]Robert Nisbet's definition of alienation as "The state of mind that can find a social order remote, incomprehensible, or fraudulent; beyond real hope or desire; inviting apathy, boredom or even hostility."

Large sectors of America are alienated. This notion helps explain the great disconnection of those all across the political spectrum who no longer participate in civil society. No one prevents them from associating with others, but they have lost their desire or interest in being part of a social order.

The author invites us to think about the causes for this alienation—whether it be hyper-individualism, social media, trade policies, lost jobs, opioid abuse, secularization, or the Sexual Revolution. He shows how all these influences have played their role in fragmenting America, although they are not the causes.

Not Collapsing but Disintegrating

Mr. Carney goes to great lengths to prove that the real cause of our crisis is the collapse of civil society. "America is the land of opportunity *because* it is the land of civil society," he affirms.

Those opportunities are now dying out. In some places, the moral institutions of family, community, and faith are not just collapsing but disintegrating before our eyes.

The gravity of the problem is highlighted by the fact that restoring civil society cannot be done by simply bringing back jobs, government programs, or tweaking the system. In many places, there is no system upon which to build. In others, individual self-interest reigns supreme.

This is especially true in areas where the family is in shambles. Without this basic social unit, no society can be rebuilt. Consequently, communities are also missing. There are no longer those intermediary associations that protect the family and its members from an intrusive state.

The Disintegration of Religion

However, Mr. Carney has the courage to say that the most important cause of alienation is the collapse of religion. He rightly proclaims it as "the largest and most important institution of civil society."

From his purely natural perspective, he notes that the church has always been America's indispensable institution. Tocqueville said that Americans value their churches as the first of their political institutions. Where churches are shuttered, communities crumble. The author does not hesitate to say that "The erosion of civil society is largely [due to] the collapse of churches."

This makes sense. Religion is the institution that establishes and maintains the norms of right and wrong. It should defend the natural law, which is so well laid out by the Ten Commandments. Society will maintain order to the extent that it follows this objective law suited to the nature God gave us so that we might prosper.

Mr. Carney's vision is limited to his sociological treatment of the subject. Although a Catholic, he does not enter into the role of the Church as the guardian of the moral law. He does not consider the supernatural action of grace that facilitates enormously the practice of virtue in common.

He only deals with the decay of this institution which clashes so violently with our self-destructing culture.

Abandoning God

Hence it should be no mystery as to why so many Americans are alienated. We have abandoned God and violated his law. Historically, this turning away from God has always had drastic social and economic consequences. Of course,

The Washington Examiner journalist does not put it in these almost biblical terms. However, his conclusion does give special meaning to the culture wars since one side seeks to call Americans back to God and his law.

The author's more immediate conclusion is that the moral wasteland of an alienated America explains the victory of President Trump, who appealed to those who feel that society does not make sense anymore. He makes a compelling case that the alienated vote—especially the vote of the unchurched—favored the president.

The Other America

Mr. Carney also presents the other America: those who are not alienated. This is an America in which the moral institutions of family, community, and faith survive. Its properly constituted families all but guarantee some degree of prosperity. These families build networks and vibrant faith communities.

Their rates of divorce, drug use, criminality, and other negative social indicators are all low. These successful families tend to cluster themselves as elites in exclusive neighborhoods or super zipcodes. They might also be found in certain closely-knit ethnic and rural communities with strong personal ties.

The author tends to agree with the conclusions of Charles Murray and [4]Robert Putnam who portray this other America as almost immune to the moral crisis that devastates the nation. Such communities survive in enclaves and bubbles that seem to mock the alienated.

A Generalized Crisis Affecting Everyone

From a material perspective, this evaluation might appear to be true, for there are rich neighborhoods and excellent schools. These visible signs perpetuate the idea of a better life.

However, from a spiritual perspective, this conclusion ignores the upheaval of the Sexual Revolution of the 1960s which devastated relationships and public morals. No family is exempt from the effects of this vast destruction. Social networks might mitigate its effects, slow down the processes of decay, or change the way social rot manifests itself. However, it does not change the generalized crisis affecting everyone.

Indeed, all is not well in the other America. [5]Studies show that unhappiness is a universal postmodern phenomenon that respects neither education nor income level.

More Not Less Social Capital

By framing the debate in terms of social network haves and have-nots, it is hard not to construct a class struggle narrative. However, Mr. Carney resists the temptation. He sees the need to create more social capital—not less—between the social classes.

He laments the formation of “elite bubbles” that cluster those in leadership positions within exclusive neighborhoods, thus depriving other areas of the organic leadership structures they need.

Efforts to help the less fortunate are further hampered by a militant egalitarian culture that leads elites to what he calls “infertile virtue.” They suffer from an unwillingness to spread good habits and practices lest they reveal their advantages. Delegating such tasks to the government avoids this embarrassment.

In addition, the author stresses the need for involved local communities fortified by religious ties, as these have proven rich in social capital and innovative in providing solutions.

A Need for Spiritual Regeneration

However, it is one thing to point out the need for leaders and local communities; it is another to create them. Thus, *Alienated America* proposes a return to a society where everyone gets along without resolving the essential differences that caused the problem in the first place. Such solutions try to satisfy everyone but usually convince no one.

Nothing can avoid the conclusion that this is a moral crisis and not an economic one. We must return to God whom we have abandoned. The Church with her immense treasury of social teachings has a vital role to play in any eventual restoration of the social order. The more we flee from such solutions, the more we deceive ourselves and adopt schemes that increase the ranks of the alienated.

The role of the alienated in the 2016 elections should give us pause to ponder the kind of America we need. What ails us will not be easily resolved. It will take much courage and a resolve to suffer in order to set things aright.

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Can Halloween be Christianized Again? (2020-06-18 08:08)

As Halloween approaches, the debate over whether people should join in the celebrations has reignited. Many claim it is a harmless holiday for children that Catholics may freely participate in. Others affirm that it has now descended into dark regions with the return of pagan and Satanic imagery; it should thus be off limits.

And then there are those who look for a third way to approach it somewhere in-between. They propose alternative celebrations, [1]All Saints Day commemorations or fall festivals. In this way, Halloween, an originally Catholic feast, can be “re-Christianized” and re-purposed to promote the Faith. They hope to turn Halloween into a teaching moment for all good Christians.

Halloween Cannot be Ignored

Finding a Christian way to celebrate Halloween is a problem for many parents. Halloween cannot be ignored. Their children will necessarily be exposed to it.

It has become a festival that is only surpassed by Christmas in economic terms. Many households now have Halloween decorations inside and outside their homes. It is a huge party night for which Americans [2]spend billions of dollars on costumes and events. It is a big night adventure for children who engage in their traditional quest for “trick or treat.

However, another point cannot be ignored. The darker celebrations of Halloween glorify the occult, the bizarre and the macabre. New developments in costumes make zombie-like outfits much more realistic and horrifying. The increasing popularity of Satanic movements like Wicca has helped popularize Halloween as sacred. The modern focus of Halloween is increasingly focused on a fascination with evil, horror, and gore.

Ironically, a liberal society that deplores the rise of violence and abuse in other fields makes few objections to this bloody and macabre holiday.

Halloween's Pagan Roots

Thus, finding a third way can only succeed if a Christian purpose and meaning of Halloween can prevail over today's setting of the tone by the macabre. Those looking for alternatives need to go back to the festival's roots, both pagan and Christian, to see if something might be salvaged.

The remote origins of Halloween are problematic. There is no denying that Halloween is rooted in the Celtic fall festival of Samhain. It involved many superstitions and occult ceremonies directed toward the Druid lord of death. Some historians claim the Druids practiced human or animal sacrifice and even occult orgies to mark special festivals. In this case, dressing up as evil spirits and demons was part of the celebration.

The ghastly and even toxic aspects of the pagan feast certainly stood in need of being baptized. Indeed, the Church responded to such opportunities to overturn the idols and rid peoples of superstitions. Many times, missionaries

would take advantage of the habit of celebrating special pagan feast days to institute Christian feasts or holy days in their stead.

Halloween, a Feast of Charity to the Poor

This is exactly what the Church did to Halloween. In the ninth century, this pagan festival was replaced by a double day celebration remembering all the dead who are saved: All Saints Day remembers those who are uncanonized in heaven so that they might have their feast, too. [3]All Souls Day remembers the poor souls who are saved from the eternal fires of hell yet are suffering for a time in purgatory.

On the eve of these two feasts, the bells would ring, and town criers would remind all to pray for the poor souls. Thus, on All Hallows Eve, later Halloween, children from poor families would go door-to-door, receiving food and sweets in exchange for praying for the souls of the dead. This “souling” as it was called, gave rise to [4]canvassing for “soul” cakes which became part of the tradition. Harmless pranks awaited the stingy givers.

The revelers would sing:

Soul! Soul! Soul-cake!

Please good Missis, a soul-cake!

Apple, pear, plum or cherry,

Any good thing to make us all merry.

One for Peter, two for Paul

Three for Him who made us all.

Halloween was thus a feast that benefited the poor on earth and those who were so much poorer in purgatory. It was a time of mirth but also great charity.

The Church as Mother

While there are times of penance and fasting in the liturgical year, there are also times of joy. The Church as a true mother provides the faithful with festive days of feasting and merrymaking. Thus, the Church has no problem with merrymaking with people dressed up in costumes to visit neighbors.

In medieval Europe, it was very popular for people “to go [5]mumming,” the practice of visiting neighborhoods while dressed up in disguises. The revelers would sing, feast, and play tricks in return for refreshment, money or good wishes. Such mumming was very popular on [6]major feast days, of which there were many, in the Middle Ages. They did not degenerate into rowdy or bawdy festivals like those which plague today’s de-Christianized Mardi Gras or other such feasts.

Protestant Prohibition and Eventual Acceptance

In Protestant Europe and America, Halloween was on the prohibited index of religious practices in colonial times, a list that some radical sects [7]extended to Christmas. It was not observed until Irish Catholic immigrants in the nineteenth century brought the custom with them to their new homeland. In the twenties, a secularized version of Halloween was introduced with the practice of trick or treating. It gradually gained traction and acceptance by the fifties.

However, the more recent celebrations have stressed its pagan origins with its preternatural and ghoulish overtones. It has combined with [8]slasher and horror films and zombie-themed parties and events to make it a festival of darkness embracing the evil side of the spiritual world.

Thus, Halloween has returned to its pagan origins and abandoned those of Christian charity. It no longer belongs to the poor but to those engaging in amusement and self-indulgence. Once the feast of innocent little children, it now includes reveling adults. Those who celebrate do not pray for the salvation of poor souls but harbor instead a diabolical glee over damned souls.

Can Halloween be Re-Christianized?

The question remains if Halloween can be re-Christianized in today’s world.

Resourceful clergy and parents have found alternatives that capture the imagination of children. Many of these include parties in which children dress up as saints or religious figures as a way of celebrating All Saints Day. These alternative events can be helpful in imparting some Catholic culture to children. But they can only go so far.

Such celebrations cannot compete with the super-charged media promotion of today's neo-pagan Halloween. Children will be exposed to the ghoulish side of Halloween in stores, schools or the house decorations in their neighborhood. Like other aspects of modern culture, they cannot be ignored, or Benedict Optioned out.

Arranging a peaceful co-existence between Catholic and pagan celebrations of Halloween is bound to fail since it does not address the need to fight against evil. It prepares the child for defeat later in life, since all must eventually confront the reality of evil without the help of others.

Re-Christianizing Halloween

That is why the only real way to re-Christianize Halloween is to reject any peaceful co-existence in these cultural matters. This will happen when clergy and parents teach children to confront the world they cannot ignore or avoid. They must delve deeply into the Faith. Children must be fortified by sacramental life and prayer to engage in this battle in a manner appropriate to their age.

Thus, any Christianized celebration of Halloween needs to reinforce the idea that there is a cultural battle going on between the forces of good and evil. Hell exists, and its fires must be avoided. What better way to demonstrate these truths than to point out the macabre manifestations of evil that appear everywhere during Halloween.

It could also serve as an occasion to point out the victory of the saints over the evils of their day. The eve of the Church's two holy days may once again become a time to make merry and eat sweet soul cakes while praying for the poor souls suffering in purgatory.

A Soul Cake recipe can be found [9]here.

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Why Economics Alone Will Not Make America Great Again (2020-06-18 08:12)

There is a major problem with books written solely from an economic prism.

Consider the fact that the American economy is booming by all major indicators. Unemployment is down to record lows. Inflation is minimal. Consumer confidence is up. We have not seen times like this for decades. Admittedly, wages are still low, and debt levels are off the charts. Other major economic problems lurk on the horizon, but, for now, everything seems to be running well.

Indeed, for some, never in recent memory have we been so prosperous. However, at no time in postwar history have we been so divided, unhappy, or lonely. If economics is so important, we should be happy ... or happier than we are.

Economics as a Secondary Perspective

Of course, books written under an economic prism do provide insights into reality. However, it is a partial perspective—and a secondary one.

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[1]*The Republican Workers Party: How the Trump Victory Drove Everyone Crazy, and Why It Was Just What We Needed* is a book that attempts to explain the last general election and present administration from this partial yet secondary perspective.

Author [2]F. H. Buckley, a Foundation Professor at George Mason University, readily admits his economic outlook and even likes to define himself as a “right-wing Marxist.” He expresses the American Dream in economic terms as a “mobile and classless society” now gone awry. The author imagines a new class struggle between a rich liberal establishment now holding power and the more conservative yet forgotten working class representing the oppressed. He thinks we are living in revolutionary times, not unlike 1917, and he is on the side of the new proletariat.

[3]\Provocative Positions

In all fairness to Prof. Buckley, he does agree that culture matters and that things like two-parent families and strong communities make economic sense. However, he does not see these moral issues as matters of public policy. He takes a seek-ye-first-real-jobs attitude and “after that, we can take care of ourselves.”

The Canadian now American citizen is provocative. He claims the American Dream is not dead but has migrated to the more upwardly-mobile-friendly Canada (under Justin Trudeau). He likewise proposes a single-tier one-size-fits-all university system, again like in his native Canada, instead of our multi-tiered “elitist” system.

His [4]Pikettyesque dislike for accumulated generational wealth, especially when parked in private foundations, sparks a call to repeat Henry VIII’s [5]looting of the accumulated wealth of English sixteenth-century monasteries. Social conservatives will disagree with his conclusion that they have accepted same-sex “marriage” because it did not “pick anyone’s pocket.”

The Proper Role of Economics

Such provocative views are to be expected since a solely economic prism will always be unavoidably materialistic, religiously indifferent, and painfully egalitarian. Economics is a pragmatic practice and science that deals with the production, administration, and exchange of goods and services. It involves concrete realities that tend to exclude other human considerations. It can be brutal and without nuance.

Economics tends to be considered *the most important human field*. Such an attitude is risky; as sociologist [6]Georg Simmel once wrote: “Money is not content with being just another final purpose of life alongside wisdom and art, personal significance and strength, beauty and love. But in so far as money does adopt this position, it gains the power to reduce the other purposes to the level of means.”

An Angle Often Ignored

Those holding a solely economic perspective often fail to realize that man has another side that is spiritual and superior. Conservatives have long acknowledged this. Barry Goldwater’s classic manifesto, [7]*The Conscience of a Conservative*, ghostwritten by William F. Buckley’s brother-in-law, Catholic convert L. Brent Bozell, Jr., affirms that every man is a unique and “spiritual creature with spiritual needs and spiritual desires.”

This superior side of man’s nature makes us unique and establishes our dignity. This side gives rise to political, social, cultural, and religious activities and sciences that tower above mere material economic production. These endeavors help satisfy our spiritual needs and ultimately lead to our eternal salvation.

A Focus that Fails to Consider the Spiritual

The Republican Workers Party suffers from its failure to consider this spiritual dimension seriously. The author focuses on workers and jobs, politics and power, and special interests and privileges. It is a prism that relegates the spiritual to poetic longings for a Christian past with little connection to modernity.

However, we must note that the material perspective offers nothing new, and is itself guilty of nostalgia. The author echoes a typical Enlightenment perspective that waxes lyrical about the brutal trilogy of liberty, equality, and fraternity. Prof. Buckley recognizes no specific metaphysical order and notes his disappointment that we have failed to move beyond the times “when people look to theologians rather than scientists to make sense of a confusing world.”

Thus, this dominant materialistic narrative weighs heavily upon the book since economics needs norms outside itself to judge its ethical value. Church teaching is that economics must be subject to and seek orientation from those higher normative sciences like ethics, logic, and moral philosophy which have as their focus all human activity. Economics is a science that is intertwined with all others and should belong to a worldview since it seeks to understand human action. It is no coincidence that [8]Adam Smith taught moral philosophy and not statistical analysis or macro-economics.

Looking for the Whole Picture

This is not to say that Prof. Buckley does not have valuable insights into what has happened in American politics over the last few decades. He knows many of the characters of the 2016 election and his book is full of anecdotes about the great drama of that campaign which readers will certainly welcome.

However, we are left desirous of the whole picture. The author forgets that America is a religious nation that still clings to its moral values despite pockets of secularism in urban centers and elite circles. Concern for a moral Supreme Court justice figured higher than employment statistics for many of those who voted in 2016. It is all well and good to remember the forgotten worker who lost a job to outsourcing. However, we must also remember the ever-forgotten Christian whose values (including traditional marriage) tend to be treated as bargaining chips on the road to power and deemed inferior to consumer confidence and job creation. Even Prof. Buckley would agree that the fringe campaign agenda of Hillary Clinton (e.g., transgender bathrooms) alienated some of her own base and contributed to her defeat.

While it is true that the ruling class has been increasingly unresponsive to the needs of workers in traditional industries and, especially, religious voters, the author's scathing generalizations against all elites are likely to unfairly target the competent ones. True self-sacrificing elites have always played a leadership role in American society—especially the Founders. America cannot be reduced to a Labor Party. The Christian soul desires the social harmony of all social classes, both true elites and workers. We are all equally American.

Federal power can only do so much to inspire spiritual renewal, as Prof. Buckley would no doubt insist. Yet that same power should not impede spiritual renewal (as the courts have actively tried to do) and could encourage and inspire state and local efforts to strengthen the social fabric. Indeed, the author's attempt to explain the present administration in secular terms runs counter to the president's own references to God and religious imagery. While few would claim the president is a deeply religious man, he is clearly aware of the abiding religious character of the nation. Despite our secular times, we still see ourselves as "a nation under God." The phrase is found on our coinage and written on countless American hearts. We cannot help but think that so many of the problems that Prof. Buckley mentions in his book could be better resolved if we would get right with God.

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Poll Finds Over Half Think Biden Likely in 'Early Stages of Dementia' (2020-06-20 21:05)

The mainstream media is pretending like it's completely normal for the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee to be hiding out in his basement and refusing to hold a press conference in the months before the presidential election. Obviously, something is wrong.

When Biden does speak, he [1]can't finish his sentences, [2]forgets where he is and who he's talking to, and says other [3]bizarre and [4]bewildering things. So what's surprising about a [5]new poll, then, is that only 55 percent think Biden is likely in the early stages of dementia. It must be true that people don't really pay attention to the candidates until after Labor Day.

The poll, conducted by Zogby, found 77 percent of Republicans think it is more likely than not that former Vice President Joe Biden is in the early stages of dementia. A majority of Independents, 56 percent, feel the same way. A surprising number of Democrats, 32 percent, even think Biden likely has dementia. It looks like the Democrats were serious about their "anyone but Trump" slogan.

Zogby Analytics conducted the online survey of 1007 likely voters between Jun. 1 and Jun. 2, so a number of Biden gaffes have happened since then.

On Wednesday, Biden gave a [6]speech in Darby, Pennsylvania. The candidate appeared lethargic, shouting at random times during his speech. He also paused at random times, too, and his eyes rarely strayed from the teleprompters flanking the podium. At the end of the speech, Biden told the president to "wake up," as he stared deadpan at the camera. The unsuspecting audience didn't realize Biden had concluded his speech until the candidate began walking away.

Maybe the people who didn't think Biden was in the early stages of dementia thought Biden was in the later stages.

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Pelosi Orders Four Portraits of Former Democratic Speakers Removed From U.S. Capitol (2020-06-20 21:27)

On Thursday, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi ordered the removal from the Capitol Building of four portraits of former Democratic House speakers who had ties to the Confederacy. Robert Hunter of Virginia, James Orr of South Carolina, Howell Cobb and Charles Crisp of Georgia. The removal of the portraits is the latest meaningless gesture from the speaker and Democrats following the death of George Floyd.

Pelosi sent a [1]letter to House Clerk Cheryl Johnson ordering the removal of the four portraits in observance of Juneteenth, an unofficial holiday commemorating the Republican's emancipation of the last slaves in the Confederacy.

"There is no room in the hallowed halls of Congress or in any place of honor for memorializing men who embody the violent bigotry and grotesque racism of the Confederacy," Pelosi proclaimed.

Just hours after Pelosi's letter to the House clerk, the portraits were taken down and carried away.

Pelosi claims she didn't know the former speakers had ties to the Confederacy until it was pointed out to her by a Capitol curator, ABC News [2]reported. Wait until she learns the history of her own political party.

When exactly will the Democratic Party – which defended slavery, the Confederacy, and, most recently, segregation – be removing itself from the Capitol?

The Capitol has a lot of other portraits and symbols in its halls that surely the left finds problematic. Former generations will never be as woke as today's radicals. Historic symbols don't tell us where our nation is headed. They tell us where it's been.

Widespread outrage following the death of George Floyd has been politically weaponized into amorphous accusations of so-called systemic racism, white privilege, and white supremacy. We still don't know what motivated former officer Derek Chauvin to treat George Floyd the way he did. Maybe there was personal animosity between the two from when they worked together at a nightclub.

Tearing down statues and erasing our history accomplishes nothing other than making people like Nancy Pelosi even more ignorant about their nation's history than they already were.

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In "Mere Christianity" C.S. Lewis identified a factor in the astonishing growth of pornography. (2020-06-30 01:33)

"There is nothing to be ashamed of in enjoying your food: there would be everything to be ashamed of if half the world made food the main interest of their lives and spent their time looking at pictures of food and dribbling and smacking their lips.... We grow up surrounded by propaganda in favor of unchastity. There are people who want to keep our sex instinct inflamed in order to make money out of us. Because, of course, a man with an obsession is a man who has very little sales-resistance. God knows our situation; He will not judge us as if we had no difficulties to overcome."

The Weight of Glory

In *The Weight of Glory* he summarizes a man's battle with pornography.

"If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

"Lying on that study sofa...I had sensations which you can imagine. And at once I knew that the Enemy would take advantage of the vague longings and tendernesses to try and make me believe later on that he had the fulfillment that I really wanted. So I balked him by letting the longings go even deeper and turning my mind to the One, the real object of all desire, which (you know my view) is what we are really wanting in all wants..."

In some letters, Lewis writes:

"For me the real evil of masturbation would be that it takes an appetite which, in lawful use, leads the individual out of himself to complete (and correct) his own personality in that of another (and finally in children and even grandchildren) and turns it back; sends the man back into the prison of himself, there to keep a harem of imaginary brides.

"And this harem, once admitted, works against his ever getting out and really uniting with a real woman.

"For the harem is always accessible, always subservient, calls for no sacrifices or adjustments, and can be endowed with erotic and psychological attractions which no woman can rival.

"Among those shadowy brides he is always adored, always the perfect lover; no demand is made on his unselfishness, no mortification ever imposed on his vanity.

"In the end, they become merely the medium through which he increasingly adores himself...After all, almost the main work of life is to come out of our selves, out of the little dark prison we are all born in. Masturbation is to be avoided as all things are to be avoided which retard this process. The danger is that of coming to love the prison.

"The evidence seems to be that God sometimes works such a complete metamorphosis and sometimes not. We don't know why: God forbid we should presume it went by merit.

"He never in my unmarried days did it for me. He gave me — at least and after many ups and down, the power to resist the temptation so far as the act was concerned. Never did he stop the recurrent temptations, nor was I guarded from the sin of mental consent. I don't mean I wasn't given sufficient grace. I mean that I sometimes fell into it, grace or no...

"The great discovery for me was that the attack does not last forever. It is the devil's lie that the only escape from the tension is through yielding."

The Present Moment Has Set Blacks Back a Half-Century (2020-06-30 01:56)

According to the make-believe world of the left, we are experiencing a great moment in American racial history. For the first time, the story goes, more whites than ever are coming to realize how racist America is, how racist cops are and how systemically racist everything in America is. Only now do many Americans understand just how racist Uncle Ben, Aunt Jemima, Ulysses Grant, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, "whitening" agents, meritocracy, Western culture, Christianity, jailing blacks and the NFL are. The bestselling book in America is about alleged "white fragility" – the term for any rational response to the irrational charge that all whites are racist.

All this is supposed to be good for America's blacks.

But none of it is. In fact, it is all destructive.

Take the movement to defund police departments and the incessant charges of "police brutality" and "racist police." Only those who don't care about blacks other than using them to advance their power – Democrats and the rest of the left, both black and white – argue this war against the police is good for blacks. Already the increase in the number of blacks murdered, not to mention injured, is reaching levels unseen in decades. And there is every reason to assume, as police pull back from high-crime areas, it will get worse.

Take the left-wing mantra that all whites are racist. If I wanted to obstruct black progress, and especially damage black children, I couldn't come up with a more effective idea. To believe from early childhood that you walk through life held in contempt by all of your fellow citizens who are white is to walk through life with much more than a chip on your shoulder. It is more like a heavy boulder.

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It means that you will walk through life with two paralyzing burdens: anger and victimhood. Either one is enough to ruin your life. Combined they're devastating. It gives one an idea of how cynical the left is that it would want to cultivate both of these life-ruining emotions in as many blacks as possible.

Anger and victimhood not only ruin the individual's life but also destroy one's relationships with others. Everyone who has an angry individual in their family knows not only how unhappy that person is but also how much havoc they wreak on the rest of the family. The same holds true for the relative who sees him or herself as a perpetual victim. Such people are both miserable and miserable to be around. And since victimhood is a major cause of evil – people who see themselves as victims usually think they are not nearly as bound by moral rules as others are – they are more likely to hurt others.

The "protesters" who destroy and loot think their victim status allows them to destroy and loot. The man identified as the president of the greater New York Black Lives Matter, Hawk Newsome, recently told Fox News: "If this country doesn't give us what we want, then we will burn down this system and replace it. All right? And I could be speaking ... figuratively. I could be speaking literally. It's a matter of interpretation."

In a report yesterday on a police shooting of a robber who resisted arrest and reached for an object in his waistband, the San Diego Union-Tribune quoted a protest organizer: "If this young man was robbing, that means his state and

his government failed to provide him with the resources he needs." When you feel you are a victim, you are allowed to rob.

Take the constant, often absurd, charges of racism at the most benign comments. If you say, for example, that you see nothing wrong with the picture of Uncle Ben on a box of rice, you will be accused of racism. As a result, most whites understand they can no longer speak truthfully or from the heart in the presence of a black American. It is hard to imagine a worse recipe for genuine relationships between the races. Whereas the great majority of whites, and even most blacks, thought white-black relations were good and improving when Barack Obama assumed office, a minority of both groups think so today.

Take the assault on merit-based advancement in the name of racial equality. Will this help or hinder blacks? It will obviously help some blacks in the short run. But over the long term, telling any group they needn't meet a universal standard of excellence can only harm that group – not to mention harm the way their success will be viewed by others. Moreover, it is difficult to imagine a more condescending view of a group than to argue that standards must be lowered for them to succeed.

The damage the left is doing to America may be mortal. When it is widely deemed OK to destroy statues of Abraham Lincoln, society is experiencing a moral earthquake which may eventually destroy it. But the damage the left is doing to so many blacks – to their moral compass, to their happiness and to their relations with their white fellow citizens – is not in the realm of "may do." It is done.

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America's Problem Is Systemic Liberalism (2020-06-30 05:10)

Forget the bizarre and evil concept of national original sin that is the malignant idea that America is built upon "systemic racism." America's true systemic flaw, arising at the time of those miserable progressives of yesteryear and continuing up through the miserable progressives of this rotten year, is what we now call "liberalism."

Oh, it's not classical liberalism, with its concern for expanding economic and personal rights – you know, individual liberty. The current inverted mutation of liberalism is all about constricting economic and personal rights and forcing individuals into collective boxes where their individuality is subsumed into an easily exploited and manipulated conformist whole. Want to test out this hypothesis? Look through the endless woke tweets of your favorite hack journalist, pinko pol, or Hollywood half-wit, or even go up to some self-described liberal in your own life, and see if you can find one iota of deviation from any of the approved liberal dogma. Good luck. You won't find a smidgeon of nonconformity. You won't detect a molecule of dissent. These people are the Borg, if the Borg worked in a giant space coffee house, had Bernie stickers on their spaceships, and could not do a push-up. You can't reason with them – appealing to reason is futile.

Systemic liberalism is the real poison in America's veins, not the fanciful notion pushed by bigots, charlatans, and demagogues, that the American enterprise is dedicated to invidious discrimination on the basis of race.

It's all a lie and a scam.

Only a country so prosperous, so free, and secure could be so frivolous as to indulge an elite that eager to embrace such a manifestly ridiculous conceit. And only academics are dumb enough to come up with it in the first place. If you needed more incentive, beyond its greed and incompetence, to figuratively burn our college and

university system to the ground, look no further than the critical race theory nonsense it spawned.

It's the phrenology of political theories, except dumber and more malicious.

Systemic liberalism infects all aspects of our society, and the society they want will be built upon its leprous foundation. In the government, you have mayors, governors, congressjerks, and senators cheering on political violence. Public property is destroyed and citizens are imperiled and they demand that you disarm and not leave your house without sporting a piehole thong.

Even institutions we thought were solid are wavering. Too many cops kneel or stand back as spectators to the chaos. The military is bombarding the troops with memos from generals competing for victory in the Battle of Woke Island. Sadly, the harassed warriors whose combat training is pushed aside for ever more diversity tail-chasing will look back on that bombardment wistfully when the Red Chinese, who have a serious military, bombard them with actual munitions.

In the courts, we see Hawaiian judges and the double standard that entrapped Mike Flynn. Our FBI is corrupt and unable to find its moral footing. It can't seem to get around to arresting scumbags pulling down statues but it can spare better than a dozen G-men to sherlock the mystery of a troubling garage door knot. Maybe J. Edgar liked to rock a little black dress, but at least he knew how to lock up crooks.

All of the mainstream media is 100 percent in on systemic liberalism, with the grim conformity of what it covers (and what it covers up) matched only by the grim conformity of the bias it displays. Objectivity? Racist! Free expression? That's makes us feel unsafe! We now have journalists demanding that people be punished for writing things that are contrary to the approved narrative. Gee, how could that ever go wrong for people who write things for a living? Well, the soft senior men and women running those organizations are finding out, as the young wokes in their newsrooms take over because the old guard is too exhausted to resist.

Our scientists offer scientific findings that inevitably support the liberal narrative. The new scientific method is determining what's woke and half-heartedly working backwards from there. So, one day we'll all die if we let our kids play in the park, then the next we hear we're immune to the pangolin pandemic if our hearts are woke enough. To point out that this is idiocy is to deny science.

In Hollywood, the studios rush to hide what used to be merely bad taste but is now heresy. And our courageous comedians cower, terrified to mock the eminently mockable antics of Black Lives Matter, Antifa, and the other sects of the left's semi-organized religion. But hey, those Audie Murphys of America's stages and screens will never hesitate to take on those Jesus-loving Christians.

Corporations and enterprises like the NFL and NASCAR abandon and spit on their own customers, treating them as racist rubes as the C-suite sissies seek to please their younger second wives and not the people who buy their stuff. You can't open an email without being reminded that the company that makes your fertilizer is giving part of the cash you spend with it to the Marxist cadre at Black Lives Matter.

In people's private lives, tiresome acquaintances scold others on social media for failing to post the right nonsense on their Facebook pages. Daughters rebel against whatever it is suburban daughters have to rebel against by announcing on Twitter that they are cutting off their parents because their parents are insufficiently woke (though whether that lasts past daddy cutting off young Ashleigh's cash remains to be seen). Frigid suburban matrons cruise into their local Starbucks, book cover facing out so everyone knows that they are carrying a copy of *White Fragility*. It's the new *50 Shade of Gray*, with the same vibe of cringey masochism that helps fill up with their empty lives and lets them feel something, anything. There's a reason that these people all seem to have weird issues and to be working them out on the rest of us. These people all have weird issues and are working them out on the rest of us.

And it is all based on a lie, just like everything liberals say about Donald Trump and you is a lie.

We don't need to purge our society of systemic racism because heroes in the past did that for us. From the heroes of Gettysburg to heroes like Medgar Evers (an Army vet of Normandy appropriately buried in Arlington), the blood of patriots washed away the structural racism of the past. What is left today are a few idiots with tiki torches and lots of college professors and New York Times scribblers who thrive upon hating people for where their great-great-great-great grandfathers came from. Those garbage people are the exception, a fringe, and do not reflect America

Sadly, structural liberalism is beginning to. Liberals want an America of terrified conformity, of eternal grievance and hate, where the rights of individuals are crushed if they prove to be an obstacle to liberal rule.

Who wants to punish people for their speech? Liberals.

Who wants to discriminate among people based on their race? Liberals.

And who wants this hate to continue and even grow because they see harnessing it as their means to take perpetual power? Liberals.

It's past time to smash systemic liberalism. Get ready to be the backlash.

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Trump Celebrates America and Predicts the Defeat of the Radical Left (2020-07-04 23:01)

Trump spoke at the South Lawn of the White House on Independence Day. In a speech that celebrated the country's independence from Great Britain, the president also defended the country's heritage, its history, and its freedom

"No matter our race, color, religion or creed, we are one America and we put America first," Trump said. "We will not allow anyone to divide our citizens by race or background. We will not allow them to foment hate, discord, and distrust. We will hold fast and true to the sacred loyalties that link us all as neighbors, as Americans, and as patriots. In every age, there have always been those who seek to lie about the past in order to gain power in the present. Those that are lying about our history, those who want us to be ashamed of who we are, are not interested in justice or in healing. Their goal is demolition. Our goal is not to destroy the greatest structure on Earth, what we have built, the United States of America."

President @realDonaldTrump at the 2020 Salute to America event: "Those that are lying about our history, those who want us to be ashamed of who we are, are not interested in justice or in healing. Their goal is demolition." pic.twitter.com/U11Lv2YdIL

The president also called out the liberal media "who falsely and consistently label their opponents as racists" and "condemn patriotic citizens."

"The more you lie, the more you slander, the more you try to demean and divide, the more we will work hard to tell the truth, and we will win," Trump warned.

President @realDonaldTrump's message to the mainstream media: "The more you lie, the more you slander, the more you try to demean and divide, the more we will work hard to tell the truth, and we will win." pic.twitter.com/Wdg9hwiEst

"We are now in the process of defeating the radical left, the Marxists, the anarchists, the agitators, the looters, and people who in many instances have absolutely no clue what they are doing," the president said.

President Trump will never surrender to the radical leftist mob!

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Meanwhile, here's how the leftist protesters outside the White House celebrated Independence Day.

New Report on Hydroxychloroquine Adds to List of Media Malpractice Regarding Covid-19 (2020-07-06 20:55)

Notice how we have heard very little in recent weeks regarding the possible remedy for some patients who contract the coronavirus? The press had completely walked away from that subject, after successfully dismissing the possible benefits that had been touted by President Trump. A new report has come out in the past week that shows there is now a possible life-saving aspect to administering the drug in the early stages of contracting the virus, and it becomes just another item on the ledger of media malpractice.

One of the consistently infuriating results of this nation being cast under the pall of a pandemic – and that is a lengthy collection of grievances – has been the media and its approach to the crisis. Not only has there been conflicting reports, but the press itself has been remarkably inept in its ability to remain consistent, all while showing it has been very desirous to politicize the outbreak. The assessment of President Trump's reaction and performance has been a constant source of negativity, but much of it is either rooted in contradictions, or even mitigated by the press itself.

Has Trump done plenty worthy of criticism? Obviously, yes. Adding to that are the many quotes and malaprops he has delivered to only fuel the press disdain, but who is looking at the press itself in the same fashion? The media has been steeped in contradiction these viral months with the only constant being the scorn they heap on Trump.

The press scorched Trump over allegedly not taking action for over 70 days. Yet while the administration began taking steps in January the press was still denying the seriousness of coronavirus well into February. In January there was criticism over Trump not closing down travel and then when he did ban flights from China that month he was called a racist xenophobe. Journalists complained they were not briefed enough on the administration's response, then when the White House began holding daily briefings journalists called for their networks to stop carrying them.

This has been the practice of the press all the while, and their responsibilities are exposed in a variety of subjects concerning the coronavirus

Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ)

It has been clear the media was on a mission to discredit the recommendation of this drug, all based on their desire to deliver a political hit as opposed to delivering public safety information. They claimed the drug was unproven, while it has been on the market since the 1950s. Trump was irresponsible recommending the drug designed to fight malaria, ignorant (or likely, ignoring) that HCQ serves over a dozen other off-label treatments.

They exaggerated the dangers in administering HCQ despite millions who take the drug daily. It was said to be a high health risk when the most danger was seen in long term users, not the 5-day regimen recommended to fight COVID. Trump was called "reckless" for telling people to take an unproven medication when the non-medically-trained journalists failed to note it was only available under doctor supervision. Now a doctor has reported after looking into over 2,500 cases they saw that giving early treatment of HCQ cut the mortality by 50 percent. This was just as under-reported as the medical survey released months ago showing thousands of doctors worldwide who said they had the best success in treatments with HCQ.

Caseloads

Statistics are the crutch of the press; easy to compile and quickly digested by the audience. They have been dutiful in detailing the number of cases nationwide and by state, as well as the death count. What is less compiled is the rates. We always hear about the spikes and the spread, but we have seen very little in the way of reporting on survivals. As they breathlessly detail the mounting number of those infected we do not get a commensurate recognition that death rates are falling as a result.

Recently Katie Tur gave a report courtesy of the CDC that we could actually be experiencing an infection rate ten times higher than recorded. This would be a result of people who contracted the virus but were asymptomatic. As the report was delivered with alarm it is actually great news. That means everything grave about the disease is diminished. Herd immunity is being achieved, resulting in severe cases, hospitalizations, and death rates becoming ten times lower. The death rate has been under 400 per million, and those are overwhelmingly seen in the elderly. For every 200 deaths of those over the age of 50, there are around 20 in those younger than 50.

Ventilators

Remember when these medical devices were all the rage? Rather telling that after weeks, or even months, of the press hyperventilating over the drastic need for these machines they have fallen out of the news cycle. When the press was declaring the administration had dropped the ball on the ventilator supply they refused to note a number of executive orders had been passed to allow businesses more legal freedom for them to be mass-produced. The press will not note that effort has either been wildly successful, or the need was severely over-hyped.

States and governors were loudly reported to be in need, but curiously there was light coverage when those same states shortly began sharing their surplus machines with others. At one point there was a call for New York to receive thousands of the breathing devices, and President Trump was neglectful in failing to fill the need. General Motors was one corporation compelled to join in the production effort, with an order for 30,000 of the machines to be produced through this fall. It has not come close to fulfillment, and before the end of that same month, New York was donating its surplus machines to third world nations.

Medical Face Masks

The press has been more than willing to make the wearing of masks a high-priority political issue. Journalists have taken to shaming the President, and anyone else of note, if discovered to have gone without the "proper" face

covering. If only there was medical agreement found that was as ardent as the hectoring journalists. Over time we have seen messaging from The CDC, the Surgeon General, Task Force physician Dr. Anthony Fauci, and even that favorite of the press corps, the WHO. on the ineffectiveness of wearing the masks. Of course, we have seen almost as many conflicting reports, often from the same sources. Here is what is never addressed – with the press screeching about masks, and politicians and local governments mandating their use, if they are such a proven prevention aid then why are we not opening up the country right now? Either these are a beneficial safeguard and we can operate without risk, or the benefits of these required masks are overblown and the social scolds can calm themselves down.

There has been no other coverage more blatant to expose the press in hysterical hypocritical outrage than the recent weeks of the public going out and about. For months the general public had been shamed about leaving their homes, individuals were being arrested for opening their businesses, and protests against the stay-at-home orders were roundly criticized. Then the Black Lives Matter protests erupted and the press forgot all about public distancing. People who had to forego holding funerals for loved ones were forced to stay home and watch George Floyd become eulogized in THREE public services.

Now the press has swung all the way back to prevent gatherings, trying in vain to report on spikes in cases in many states while not daring to mention the protests. The LA Times strained for weeks to explain how their stricter standards in California led to sharp rises in cases. We saw the blatant press paradox take place within the same day last weekend. On Sunday morning reports came about the irresponsibility of people in Arizona gathering to float down rivers with innertubes as COVID cases increased. Then that same afternoon a massive street protest with thousands packed in for a gay pride rally took place and not a word of outrage was heard.

Despite these growing cases of media malpractice they continue to position themselves as the medical experts in this nation. It is showing to be time that we stop swallowing their snake oil tonic without question.

I Want My America Back (2020-07-06 20:58)

We've lived through six weeks of hate, chaos, destruction, and demonstrative insurrection by the BLM-Antifa alliance. And this psychotic turmoil followed three months of coronavirus scare-mongering that held us hostage inside our homes. Many of us remain restricted by authoritarian governors to this day, leftist leaders who are indiscriminately criminalizing behaviors of the healthy instead of quarantining the sick.

Having spent this 4th of July with wonderful American patriots (who disagree politically, by the way, but remain strong patriots nonetheless), it made me long for those classic American summers: kids playing outside, summer parades and fairs, going to the beach, seeing happy people all around us, enjoying outdoor restaurant dining, traveling cross country, etc. Waking up on Sunday morning after a perfect 4th of July, I had only these words on my mind: I want my America back.

My America is a free country with endless opportunities for all. My America is made up of people who respect our great nation and see how unique it is amongst all others. My America is a nation that respects law and order, for without it, capitalism cannot survive. My America respects police officers and thanks officers for taking risks to protect all Americans from crime.

By the way, the reason why leftists and Marxists hate the police and continue to do so even when their false “racist policing” narrative is exposed, is because the police protect American capitalism. Think back to George Floyd.

He was arrested for attempting to defraud a small business with a fake \$20 bill. Minneapolis Police were called to investigate Floyd for fraud. (Floyd's death was an anomaly, not a norm. Never forget that). Had police not been empowered to arrest people for fraud, businesses would bear the cost of the crime. Small businesses cannot afford the costly price of swallowing all crime losses, so they would not continue to operate in regions where police cannot help them. That is why businesses do not thrive in crime-infested areas: both business owners and shoppers are deterred by crime. American capitalism, and all of our lovely shopping centers, rely heavily on law enforcement for a safe monetary exchange.

Those same leftists who hate the police, claim that my America that promises equal opportunity for all is not fair or equitable because it does not promise equal results for all. America has never guaranteed results, only opportunities. But that's a capitalist construct of equality. Leftists believe in the socialist conceptualization of fairness: equal results. This equal results theory has been undisguisedly taught by leftist high school teachers and college professors for at least a decade. (Before that, the teachings were more tacit). These past few years, the leftist infiltration has reached elementary schools, where younger children are being taught socialism and Marxism as "equity," as a fairer alternative to allegedly unfair equality.

Socialists were wise enough to amplify their "equity" theories by aggravating race tensions. For as Soviet socialists have known for decades, the word "racism" is America's soft-spot. Americans are so genuinely terrified of being called, or even thought of as, racist, that they will shine your shoes or lay down on their bellies to show you they're not. Ironically, it is the belief in true equality that leaves Americans so vulnerable on this issue; but instead of celebrating this fact, socialists use it to exploit and torment Americans.

Americans have allowed their weaknesses to overtake their strengths and kneeled to the anti-American mobs. The gesture has not assuaged the mob, it refueled the mob — and this emotional surrender is what has allowed America to be lost to anti-American mob rule these past six weeks. And it's only getting worse.

But it's time to stop walking head down, in fear of the mobs. It's time to stand up strong and proud. It's time to get our America back. My perfect 4th of July shouldn't have been an anomaly this summer, it should have been the norm. I wish American peace and greatness for us all, perpetually.

I know there are Marxists in charge of our American cities and police departments that make it difficult for some to feel hopeful. But if anyone can stand up to socialist rule, it's us: Americans. That's the glory of our history and culture, the fight that burns deep inside us, the fires of freedom that power our understanding of what is right and what is wrong.

Be an American. Go get our country back.

Confederate Monuments: The Problem With Politically Correct History (2020-07-09 21:22)

Malcolm X, as a member of the Nation of Islam, preached anti-Semitism and called the white man a "devil." After the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Malcolm X dismissed the murder as a case of "the chickens coming home to roost."

In Spike Lee's biographical drama, "Malcolm X," a white teenage girl approaches the angry activist and says, "Excuse me, Mr. X. Hi. I've read some of your speeches, and I honestly believe that a lot of what you have to say is true. And I'm a good person, in spite of what my ancestors did, and I just – I wanted to ask you, what can a white person like myself, who isn't prejudiced, what can I do to help you ... further your cause?" He stares sternly, and replies, "Nothing." She leaves in tears.

But Malcolm X changed. He visited Mecca, where he saw people of all colors worshipping together. It changed the way he thought. He repudiated his anger toward whites after discovering that people were more similar than they were different. He renounced the racist ideology of the Nation of Islam, and in doing so knowingly signed his own death warrant. He was assassinated by members of the Nation of Islam.

Alabama Gov. George Wallace, in 1963, proclaimed, "Segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever," at his inauguration, and later stood in a doorway at the University of Alabama to bar blacks from entering. Nine years later, Wallace took a would-be assassin's bullet, leaving him paralyzed. Older, wiser and chastened by the attempt on his life, Wallace changed. Wallace one day, without invitation, went to a black church where 300 black clergymen were holding a conference. He asked to speak. Wallace asked for forgiveness. He said to the church leaders, "I never had hate in my heart for any person. But I regret my support of segregation and the pain it caused the black people of our state and nation. ... I've learned what pain is, and I'm sorry if I've caused anybody else pain. Segregation was wrong – and I am sorry."

The voters in Alabama returned the former governor to office, but this time, he received black support and made several black appointments. The damage Wallace did through his actions and rhetoric was profound, and despite the assassination attempt, he lived long enough to undo some of it.

Even a Confederate general can change.

Confederate Gen. William Mahone, one of General Robert E. Lee's most able commanders, owned slaves before the Civil War. But after the war, he led an interracial political movement. He organized and became the leader of the Readjuster Party, the most successful interracial political alliance in the post-emancipation South. In 1881, Mahone was elected to the U.S. Senate, split 37-37 at the time between Republicans and Democrats. But Mahone aligned with the Republicans, the party founded two decades earlier by Northerners trying to stop the expansion of slavery.

From 1879 through 1883, Mahone's Readjuster Party dominated Virginia, with a governor in the statehouse, two Readjusters in the U.S. Senate and Readjusters representing six of the state's 10 congressional districts. Under Mahone's leadership, his coalition also controlled the state legislature, the courts and many of the state's coveted federal offices.

The Readjusters established what became Virginia State University, the first state-supported college to train black teachers. Democrats described the hated Readjusters and Republicans as advocates of "black domination."

What about Lt. Gen. James Longstreet? One of Lee's favorite generals, Longstreet not only became a Republican after the war and served in Republican administrations but also fought against the racist White League in New Orleans.

After the Civil War, Longstreet moved to New Orleans, where he urged Southerners to support the Republican Party and endorsed their candidate, Ulysses S. Grant, for president in 1868. He commanded blacks in the New Orleans Metropolitan Police Force against the anti-Reconstruction White League (a paramilitary arm of the Democratic Party) at the Battle of Liberty Place in 1874. He was shot and held captive for several days. He accepted political appointments from Republicans and even dared criticize Gen. Lee. For this "betrayal," white Southerners pronounced Longstreet a "scalawag" and "leper of the community."

Where does this viewing of history through the prism of modern-day feelings end? Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once gave advice to a gay young man that today would be heresy. King suggested he battle his feelings, strongly implying that the young man needed therapy and sexual reorientation. Today, that kind of advice gets one branded a Neanderthal. President John F. Kennedy, frustrated with a high-profile Democrat who hadn't supported his election, threatened to banish him by giving him an obscure ambassadorship to one of the, as Kennedy put it, "boogie republics" in Africa. Tell that to Black Lives Matter.

History is complicated. And history requires perspective and understanding, something sadly lacking in those who seek to erase history by imposing today's standards of right and wrong.

This Is A Great Opportunity To Destroy Academia (2020-07-09 21:29)

Never let a good crisis go to waste, which in the current crisis means we must use the fact that our universities have shown themselves to be petri dishes swimming with anti-American ideologies, combined with pre-existing trends, to lance this particular cultural boil.

Let's be clear: Academia today is a pack of rabid reds, and we need to put it down like Old Yeller. And academia itself has loaded up the 12 gauge.

They will say that we oppose academia because we are stupid Neanderthals, just like Trump is. No. We would be stupid to let this undead institution on. This entire wokeness idiocy is the result of hack academics peddling half-baked theories that justify the consolidation of elite power at the expense of those of us who don't live on the diploma dole. The bizarre language – "We must struggle to decolonialize the cisnormative paradigm to purge the structural racism caused by the male gaze and amplify whiny, entitled voices" – and the performance art aspects of the media-friendly insurrection – notice how they only get frisky in jurisdictions where they can count on the pinko mayor to hold back the constables and on the local DA to merely slap their wrists? – is all a direct result of indoctrination in the colleges that we normal people support.

Why should we do that? We have no moral obligation to subsidize a generation of brats.

Now, the only thing really keeping academia attached to the body politic like the institutional deer tick that it is was the widespread and baseless belief that our universities are somehow our culture's crucial repositories of knowledge and learning. But it's kind of hard to argue that when it belches forth graduates who decide to show that black lives matter by toppling statues of Abe Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

If these bozos are considered "educated," I'll stick with the allegedly ignorant. At least someone without an Ivy League degree can give me a hand changing my oil or, you know, defending the Constitution with a rifle.

On the plus side, I like my chances in a revolution sparked by a generation that thinks words can be violence. And since none of them ever heard of Ft. Sumter, because that's actual history instead of grievance tallying, none of them are hip to the fact that Democrats are already 0-1 on starting fights over their bizarre and repellant racist dogmas.

This decision to use academia's institutional credibility as a cultural chamber pot comes at just the wrong time. Video and computer technology was already making the old giant lecture hall model obsolete even before the bat soup flu. You get the same level of loving personal attention staring at a iPad in your house as you do staring at the TA 100 yards away from you in a behemoth lecture hall, and you don't have to breath in either the viruses or the scent of old Pabst wafting off of the unwashed bodies of your fellow students.

And adding insult to insult is the idea that you have to pay upwards of \$50,000 or more a year for the "college experience." The Porsche experience is nice, but most people still choose the Chevy experience. You get there either way – just the latter way you aren't impoverished for the rest of your life.

Of course, because it's the Ivy League – that same institution that brought us the Wall Street collapse, Iraq, and a society where the nonsense scribbled down in White Fragility is not immediately laughed out of polite company – we have now Harvard demanding full tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year conducted completely by video learning. It's basically a public confession that the whole point of the place is getting admitted – as long as at the end of a few years you get a diploma reading "HARVARD," who cares what goes on during them?

Over-priced, inefficient, and not merely useless but actively detrimental to society – yeah, I'm sold on academia as currently constituted. So, let's take this opportunity to burst this societal pimple.

First, defund the universities. All the kids love the defunding, right? Let the schools compete in the market. Sure, some marquee schools will flourish – there are always going to be rich daddies willing to pay the premium to send Kaden or Ashleigh to a four-year party on some leafy campus. But it's going to force the other schools to provide value or die. Good riddance.

Second, tax the endowments. The Ivy League is really a bunch of hedge funds pretending to be schools anyway. Now, it would be tempting to redistribute the endowments to schools that have less money and watch these people scamper

away from the socialism they pretend to love like roaches from a kitchen light – shouldn't they pay their fair share? The problem is that it would be a lifeline to the colleges that will fail, and we want them to die. The taxed money can go to buy weapons to sink ChiCom subs.

Third, student loans need to come from the school and to be dischargeable in bankruptcy. A school is going to be a lot less eager to say, "Sure, go ahead and major in Norwegian Feminist Dance Theory" if they are on the hook when their ardent young scholar can't get a gig that can pay back the sticker price.

Fourth, enforce not merely free speech on campus but ideological diversity. Diversity is good, right? Okay, in a country where half of it thinks Trump rocks and more than half dig Jesus, having a faculty and administration where literally no one publicly confesses to doing either is UNSAT.

And fifth, we need to stop falling for the notion that our colleges occupy some sort of intellectual, and even moral, high ground. They don't. They are populated by greedy, malevolent, and stupid people who have done incalculable damage to their students morally, intellectually, and financially, and we should hold them in contempt.

Somehow, along the way, we were sold the impression that college was the gateway to a special caste to which we should aspire. We need to reject that condescending and pretentious notion, and tell academia to kiss our aspirations.

Instead, we must push the Mike Rowe vision of a society where you don't need a bachelors degree to shift paper from Box A to Box B in a cubicle. The fact is that our lame public teacher unions have done such a crappy job that employers are forced to look for a college diploma to get some shaky assurance that the prospective candidate possesses the basic skills that a high school diploma should attest to. We need to make high school great again. For many, many people, college is a waste of valuable time and money. Every kid should not go to college.

This is our chance to undo one of America's biggest mistakes in the last century, allowing academia to metastasize into the societal tumor that it has become. Technology and economics were already gut-punching this flabby punk before both the double-strike combo of the pangolin pandemic panic and the woke insurrection revealed that not only did the emperor have no clothes but he wasn't packing much to speak of besides.

It's going to fight for its life, and its play will be – surprise – more blood money from us to keep it going. But it has been revealed as yet another undead leftist institution, staggering on long after it should have rested in pieces. Let's take this opportunity to drive a stake through the heart of academia as we know it.

Are We Headed For A One-Party State? (2020-07-12 22:38)

've been in the habit for many election cycles of telling people when they asked me how important the election was, I would always say it's the most important election since the last one and will be the most important one until the next one. I think this may be a little different here ... this election is different. This is big, no doubt." - Brit Hume

If you're a Trump supporter, this election cycle so far has been sort of like sitting down to watch your favorite college football team play a much-anticipated game against a hated rival. You've got friends over, popcorn popped, nachos, drinks, the works. Big screen blaring in the man-cave, excitement in the air. The kick-off happens and you settle in for a few hours of football bliss with your friends. Then, your all-thumbs kickoff-return man fumbles the ball, which the other team recovers for a touchdown. "OK, we can come back from this," you think. But down 7-0, your QB wants it all back on the next possession, nay the first throw of the next possession, which then gets picked off and promptly returned for a pick-six. (I'm a Tennessee fan, y'all. I'm used to scenarios like this.)

Two more sloppy possessions and a porous defense and you're down 28-0 and it's not even halftime. Suddenly, the pizza is cold. The beer is warm. The nachos don't taste so good. Your friends want to leave, and the party you'd looked forward to for so long looks more like a funeral parlor scene than an epic evening with friends. You turn the channel or go outside to do some yard work - anything to get your mind off what's happening to the team you love. Maybe

you check the score in an hour, but your evening's been ruined. Your disappointment might even turn to anger at your team or at least the players or coaches who screwed up or didn't seem to try hard enough. "You can take a loss, but at least fight," you tell them in your mind. "At least make a game of it. At least make the time I spent rooting for you worthwhile."

It's one thing to lose on a last-minute drive, but quite another to be out of the game before it's barely started.

Sadly, you probably know exactly where I'm going here. So far, the campaign of President Donald Trump isn't even making a game of it. They aren't showing up. They're fumbling the ball. The QB is tossing picks to linebackers. You could drive a mack-truck through that soft defense. Yeah, it's brutal, made all the worse by the fact that the other team is playing the game from a literal basement with a QB who looks about two steps away from a nursing home Alzheimer's wing.

When polling comes out, it's not even close. 14 points here. 10 points there. Down in every battleground state and even GOP strongholds like Texas and Georgia seemingly aren't safe. Yeah yeah, I know Hillary was thumping Trump in 2016 too, but this is different, and we all know it deep down. Like a football game gone horribly wrong, the temptation might be to turn away, to focus on other things, to try not to care. And while we've certainly got to live life and try not to make the absurd, gut-wrenching politics of the current age absorb us so much, there is infinitely more at stake this November than any football game.

I'm not here to analyze every Trump mistake, nor to blame the entire unfolding fiasco on him. It's a team effort, and so far the team has let us down, big time. What I do want to do is make everyone vividly aware of the stakes. A Joe Biden presidential win likely means Democratic control of the Senate as well. "No biggie," you may say. We'll just "get 'em next cycle." The problem with that, however, is there are several structural changes that Democrats can and will certainly make that could make it impossible for any Republican to win a national election ever again.

Before you dismiss me as a Chicken Little (and if you do, believe me I hope you're right and I'm wrong), [1]consider a sobering discussion Fox News host Tucker Carlson had with Brit Hume last week. After analyzing the part of Joe Biden's unveiled Marxism-lite plan that includes the legalization of at least 22 million illegal immigrants currently living in the U.S., Carlson asked Hume if it was "fair to say no Republican could ever win a national election at least in the foreseeable future?"

"I think that's a reasonable assumption in the foreseeable future, and it wouldn't take 22 million," Hume told Tucker. "Let's say the number were half that. 11 million new voters, the overwhelming majority of whom would vote for the Democrat, would keep the Democrats in power in the White House for sure for several election cycles at least."

Beyond the electorate change, which would be bad enough, Hume and Carlson covered two other things Democrats could do quite easily with simple majorities in both Houses - abolish the filibuster (something the normally solid Mitch McConnell didn't have the guts to do) and make the District of Columbia a state. If Democrats win in November and accomplish this trifecta in the next two years, in the words of Tucker Carlson, "we are headed at very high speed toward effectively a one-party state at least for the foreseeable future."

In other words, the presidential and Senatorial elections about to take place in November 2020 are by far the most important elections of our lifetimes, and it's truly not even close. Trump's 2016 victory and judicial nominations bought us some time and maybe even the ability to fight back on some fronts going forward, but a November loss could be a permanent game over for national conservative governance of any kind.

As to Trump's much-needed upping of his game, Hume wondered if the president "can stop talking about himself long enough to talk about something else and talk about their agenda and his message." I sure hope so, because what's at stake is far more important than the president's ego. Is he up to the task? We'll see. Like the football game that seems hopelessly out of control in the first quarter, it doesn't look good so far. But the good news is the Trump campaign is like a few football teams we've known over the years. Streaky. Error-prone. Porous D. But damn, that offense can be pretty dynamic at times. Like 2016, it would be a mistake to ever count him out. But no matter what the scoreboard says, conservatives and liberty lovers of all stripes had best do more than his or her part until the clock says zero, or all could be lost forever.

AG Barr Calls Out Hollywood's Appeasement of Communist China (2020-07-16 12:55)

During a speech in Grand Rapids, Michigan Thursday, Attorney General Bill Barr went after Hollywood for capitulation to the Chinese Communist Party.

"The People's Republic of China is now engaged in an economic blitzkrieg, an aggressive, orchestrated, whole-of-government, indeed, whole-of-society, campaign to seize the commanding heights of the global economy and to surpass the United States as the world's preeminent superpower," Barr said.

"Hollywood actors, producers, and directors pride themselves on celebrating freedom and the human spirit. And every year at the Academy Awards, Americans are lectured about how this country falls short of Hollywood's ideals of social justice. But Hollywood now regularly censors its own movies to appease the Chinese Communist Party, the world's most powerful violator of human rights. This censorship infects not only versions of movies that are released in China, but also many that are shown in American theaters to American audiences," he continued. "Many Hollywood films that have been altered, one way or another, to conform to CCP propaganda."

Barr didn't stop at Hollywood and also warned of China's ambitions in technology and global trade domination.

"A centerpiece of this effort is the Communist Party's 'Made in China 2025' initiative, a plan for PRC domination of high-tech industries like robotics, advanced information technology, aviation, and electric vehicles. Backed by hundreds of billions of dollars in subsidies, this initiative poses a real threat to U.S. technological leadership," Barr said.

In the aftermath of the Wuhan coronavirus pandemic, the Trump administration has increased pressure on China. During an interview with *Townhall* earlier this week, President Trump said he will soon be making an announcement about further enticing American companies to manufacture products in the U.S. or friendlier countries.

"You'll see over the next few weeks I'm doing something that is extremely bold. You'll see. I think you'll be extremely impressed by it. I've been fighting this with China for a long time. You had the globalists, they want to make everything in China. We can make our pencils here," Trump said. "I'm very upset with China, I think what China did is a disgrace."

"Whether they knew it or not I won't get into that but one thing, they knew it well enough that it didn't get into the rest of China but it did get out to the rest of the world including Europe and the U.S. then they tried to blame it on Europe, then they tried to blame it on American soldiers, they did everything," Trump said. "It's the China virus, whether you like it or not, it's the China virus...I am very angry with China."

The NFL Is on the Brink (2020-07-16 19:01)

The National Football League celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. This should be a time of self-congratulation for the brutal sport, which has no similar counterpart outside the United States.

The NFL's megaprofits dwarf those of other professional sports in the U.S. The Super Bowl, not the World Series, is America's national sports event.

The league has survived all sorts of crises in the past. It was one of the first professional sports to integrate its teams, doing so in the 1920s. But the integration unfortunately ceased, and the NFL didn't reintegrate until the mid-'40s, becoming one of the last sports leagues to embrace fully a racially-blind meritocracy.

The NFL successfully absorbed the rival American Football League in 1966. So far, the NFL has avoided federal safety regulations that could curb the incidence of physical trauma inherent in the sport.

The league's owners are a cross-section of America's most successful entrepreneurs and old-money families – many of them politically well-connected.

Yet the NFL is in deep trouble like never before.

In 2016, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick refused to stand for the national anthem. He claimed he was protesting the treatment of African Americans.

Kaepernick was an odd revolutionary. His mother is white, his father is an African American of Ghanaian-Nigerian ancestry, and he was raised by a middle-class white couple. Kaepernick's only prior controversy was being accused by another player of using the N-word. He denied it but was still fined by the league.

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Kaepernick's rejection of "The Star-Spangled Banner" eventually spread throughout the NFL. Even though he was a backup quarterback, Kaepernick became a resistance idol. Soon he was a corporate ad man pitching Nike sneakers.

Then game attendance fell. So did television viewership. Apparently, lots of fans had no desire to spend their Sundays watching 20-something multimillionaires lecture them that the American flag was not worth honoring.

In 2018, the league belatedly banned players from kneeling for the national anthem. By then, Kaepernick had left football and become a megaphone for even more corporate sponsors.

Now the NFL is in the news amid national protests and violence following the killing of George Floyd at the hands of police.

The inspirational song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" – also known as the Black national anthem – will be played before every game of the first week of the season. The league is considering letting players wear protest insignia on their helmets or jerseys. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell apologized to players for not listening to them about racism.

Yet the NFL capitulation poses fundamental problems for the league. It has now essentially green-lighted the sort of activism that in the last few years has been eating away its profits.

NFL owners and head coaches are almost all white. But nearly three-quarters of the players are black. Those who play the game obviously want to see more diversity in coaching and ownership.

In a culture so obsessed with identity politics, is it the players or the owners and coaches (or both) who do not "look like America"?

Given that about 13 percent of the U.S. population is Black, and given that the Black Lives Matter movement embraces concepts like proportional representation, today's NFL teams hardly qualify as diverse. Social activists might argue that the league should mentor and recruit more Latinos, Asian Americans and Native Americans to better reflect their percentages of our diverse national population.

Perhaps an NFL compromise could ensure that 30 percent of coaches and owners are nonwhite, thus reflecting current U.S. demography. But then, in reciprocity, the players would match such mandatory demographic diversity – leading to Native Americans, Latinos, Asians, whites and those of mixed ancestry accounting for 87 percent of the player population. The NBA might also take note.

This progressive model of proportional representation could also apply to overrepresented white athletes in hockey, tennis, golf and swimming – sports faulted by identity politics groups as being unfairly overrepresented by whites.

Obviously, such racial gerrymandering will not happen because fans value meritocracy over ethnic affiliations.

Or at least they did.

If the multibillion-dollar NFL decides that multimillionaire players have no obligation to stand to honor a collective national anthem, and that there will be separate anthems and politicized uniforms, then millions of Americans will quietly shrug and change the channel.

And that silent protest will make the 2016-17 anthem protest look like child's play.

Democratic Party = Dictatorship (don't vote Democrat) (2020-07-16 22:11)



Their Lenin statue is already here.

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Entrepreneurship Is the Key to Equality (2020-07-17 21:16)

The Marxist agitators are out in force, chomping at the bit to bring about the destruction of the American way of life. They're certain they're going to get it right this time, exploiting (again) civil unrest and widespread concerns about injustice.

But notwithstanding profound historical injustices like slavery, broken treaties with Native American tribes and deplorable factory working conditions during the Industrial Revolution, Americans have stubbornly refused to flock to collectivism as a solution.

Why is that?

Our Constitution and emphasis on individual liberties is a big part of the answer. Another important (but less acknowledged) part is the role of entrepreneurship in the American dream.

It is so easy to start your own business here that we take it for granted. But ease of entrepreneurship contributes significantly to both individual satisfaction and societal benefit – especially wealth creation. And it isn't just about *starting* a business; it is about the ecosystem in which a business can grow. Scholars have produced reams of evidence tying intractable poverty in underdeveloped nations to complex, multilayered bureaucracies in governments very like those Marxists seek to install. But small-business owners have neither the wealth nor the connections to navigate government complexities or pay lawyers to do it for them. Stilted from the start, they are perennially cut off from the kind of business growth needed for economic development. Multiply that across an entire country and you end up with widespread impoverishment and little hope of improvement.

The left doesn't understand this phenomenon at all. As with so many other things, its worldview seems constrained by the experience of 19th-century Europe, where those in control of the land in agrarian economies took control of the factories in increasingly industrialized societies.

That was never the story in America, where the wealthiest individuals in our history started from nothing. John D. Rockefeller, the founder of Standard Oil (and the world's wealthiest man in his day), was abandoned by his father and raised in modest conditions by a thrifty mother. Andrew Carnegie, a steel magnate and philanthropist, was born in a one-room weaver's cottage in Scotland and immigrated to the U.S. with his family at age 13. Cornelius Vanderbilt quit school at 11 to work on his father's Staten Island ferry.

Today's super-success stories – people like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Oprah Winfrey, Mark Zuckerberg and Sara Blakely – have similarly unremarkable backgrounds; none came from great wealth.

In general, the left's understanding of "business" is shamefully inadequate. But consider who the major players are: In the media, Hollywood, academia or Washington, D.C., how many have ever started their own businesses? Artists and athletes are businesses in their own right, but far too many of them blow through everything they earn. Academics work in an atmosphere where the ultimate professional achievement is tenure – which (in theory) guarantees that you cannot be fired, no matter how poor your performance. And Washington, D.C., pays most of its attention to the big businesses that can afford to spend millions on lobbyists.

Most of the left equates all business with "big business" and big business with corrupt outliers like Enron, pushing the false and tired trope that businesses only become successful by exploiting others. They ignore the millions of businesses that have become successful by providing excellent, quality products and services that people need, want and are willing to pay for.

The real story of business in American is about small, family-owned businesses and the entrepreneurs who have started them. According to the most recent U.S. census reports, out of over 34 million firms in the United States, fully 77 percent – about 26 million – don't employ anyone other than the owners. Of the remaining 8 million firms, the majority (65 %) employ fewer than 20 people. Ninety percent of all businesses are family businesses. These small businesses matter for so many reasons: Operating them teaches financial skills, management skills and service skills, and they create wealth, not just income – something that has been a hot-button issue with African Americans for decades and is behind many of the calls for reparations.

One would think that at a time when the nation is talking about Black economic opportunity, we would be hearing more about successful Black entrepreneurs like Madam C.J. Walker, Charles Clinton Spaulding, John H. Johnson and even Oprah Winfrey, the nation's first Black female billionaire. Their stories are America's story, and what they accomplished others can accomplish as well. This is a powerful message that is being almost completely overlooked.

Entrepreneurship is truly one of our country's most diverse undertakings (that is literally what the word means in the original French). Untold numbers of immigrants have arrived with nothing and brought themselves and their families out of poverty by the businesses they started. This is still true today. In Silicon Valley, more than 50 % of our high-tech "gazelles" – young companies with at least a billion-dollar market capitalization – were started by immigrants. Much

smaller mom-and-pop businesses started by immigrants bringing new foods, music and arts to the public's attention. In so doing, those cultures become quintessential parts of American culture.

In other words, the economic integration is a driver of societal integration and upward mobility.

Changes to government policy are fine as far as they go. But if we want to create greater economic opportunity and equality for African Americans and everyone else, what we *really* need are more entrepreneurs, and more support for them to help them prosper.

That – not Marxism – is what will transform lives for the better.

Hold China Accountable – Or Give It Even More Control? (2020-07-18 20:56)

China unleashed COVID-19 on an unsuspecting world. It knew by early January 2020 (if not by December 2019 or earlier) that it was dealing with a vicious, fast-spreading disease in Wuhan, a city with more people than Chicago and New York City combined. But first it said nothing. Then it lied repeatedly, expelled foreign journalists, and threatened, silenced or “disappeared” Wuhan doctors who tried to warn the world.

[1]The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) used its influence with the [2]World Health Organization (WHO) to advance its false claims about the origins of the Wuhan virus (likely a laboratory or wet market in the city) and absence of human-to-human transmission. The CCP even claimed the virus was brought to Wuhan by US soldiers during an October 2019 military sports tournament. It shut down domestic travel to and from Wuhan, while allowing millions to fly between Wuhan and Europe, the United States, Africa and Latin America.

By July 1, the Wuhan virus had sickened 11 million people worldwide and killed a half million – with 2.7 million ill and 130,000 dead in the USA alone. The virus caused trillions of dollars in economic damage, as the world issued stay-home orders, closed down global trade and made hundreds of millions jobless. Amid the pandemic, China shipped defective respirator masks, engaged in hoarding and price gouging on medical supplies, and expanded its campaign to blame other countries for the disaster.

A University of Southampton study concluded that, if China had been honest and transparent, and stopped foreign travel to and from Wuhan even three weeks before it actually did, global COVID-19 transmission could have been [3]reduced by 95 % and hundreds of thousands would not have died. Nor would the world economy have imploded. (The WHO refused to declare a global pandemic until March 11.)

China's outrageous behavior is nothing new. Companies wanting to sell products in China have long been compelled to build factories in China and share their technological and manufacturing secrets – while Chinese students, agents and hackers have [4]systematically stolen other intellectual property and trade and defense secrets. Its treatment of Hong Kong, Laos and Chinese Uyghurs is duplicitous and immoral.

Many have said China must be held accountable, punished, and made to pay reparations and financial penalties. Justice certainly demands that. In a more perfect world, it might even happen. However, securing a verdict on reparations would be a tall order, enforcing any verdict highly doubtful.

China's status as a global economic and military superpower is augmented by its positions on the United Nations Security Council, in the World Trade Organization, and on the UN [5]Human Rights Council (along with Iran, North Korea and other moral exemplars). Its predatory lending practices make China an even more untrustworthy pariah, and conditions in its mines, processing plants and factories show that it has little regard for [6]workers' health or basic rights. Indeed, it demands that we [7]ignore human rights issues.

These problems are compounded by China's control of numerous vital supply chains. China dominates not just manufacturing of US drugs like heparin, vaccines and penicillin, but the active ingredients that allow US companies to make

other essential medicines. [8]Chinese companies thereby control 70 % of acetaminophen, and up to 95 % of antibiotics and hydrocortisone. In 2008, contaminated heparin from China caused 81 US deaths. Much of the USA's basic and [9]high-tech medical equipment (respirators, surgical masks, protective gowns, and MRI and CT scan equipment) is also imported from China.

The United States is also beholden to China for metals and minerals in energy, aerospace, defense, telecom and other industries. Joe Biden, AOC, Democrats and environmentalist groups would not just shut down fossil fuel production, pipelines and fuels for power generation and manufacturing. They would effectively turn our energy systems, manufacturing, defense, livelihoods and living standards over to China.

Chinese computer chips are in countless products – and Trojan horse viruses or backdoors for hackers could enable steady information theft, take over GPS systems or crash electrical grids. Minerals, metals and components essential for aircraft, [10]night vision goggles, computers, [11]wind turbines, solar panels, rechargeable batteries, electric vehicles and other technologies are sourced directly from China or through Chinese companies that conduct [12]horrific mining operations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Supplies of these materials or products could easily be restricted or cut off amid trade or other conflicts.

Incredibly, [13]America has nearly all the metals and minerals needed to manufacture these products, and many more. However, because of unrelenting environmentalist and Democrat opposition to exploration and mining, the nation's vast, mineral-rich federal lands (worth many trillions of dollars) remain off limits and undeveloped, forcing the United States to import the vast majority of its [14]essential raw materials.

In fact, America is needlessly 100 % dependent on imports for 35 “critical” minerals and metals that are needed for defense, aerospace, transportation, communication, [15]“renewable” energy and healthcare technologies – including 15 different rare earth elements (REEs). At least 25 of them come from China. Another half dozen come from Russia. Not one is renewable, clean, green, cheap or sustainable.

That means America imports nearly two-thirds of its [16]critical minerals and metals from adversaries and enemies! Amazingly, although the United States once led the world in producing REEs, China now makes 95 % of all the world's rare earth metals, using technologies that the U.S. gave them – for free.

Thin-film solar panels require indium and tellurium, to convert the sun's rays to electricity. Making solar panels also requires lead, cadmium, copper, gallium, silver, polyvinyl fluoride, and other materials and chemicals. Just building the 500 square miles of solar panels that Dominion Energy Virginia is planning would involve some 5,000,000 pounds of cadmium and enormous amounts of these other materials.

A single 2-megawatt wind turbine requires some 3.5 tons of copper to generate and transmit electricity – plus 900 tons of steel, 2,500 tons of concrete, 45 tons of non-recyclable plastic composites, several tons of rare earth elements, and many tons of manganese, cobalt, aluminum and other metals and minerals.

Magnets in hybrid gas-electric vehicle motors require dysprosium and neodymium, while a single 100-kilowatt-hour Tesla rechargeable battery pack (for all-electric vehicles and backup power systems) requires 140 pounds of lithium, large amounts of cobalt, nickel, graphite, aluminum and copper, and smaller amounts of manganese and rare earth metals. The [17]raw material demands go on and on.

[18]Multiply these requirements by the tens of thousands of offshore wind turbines, millions of onshore turbines, billions of solar panels and billions of 1,200-pound battery packs that would be needed under the Green New Deal – and the demand for raw materials would translate into unimaginable [19]increases in mining around the world. It would also bring unsustainable global ecological impacts, enormous increases in global fossil fuel use and emissions, indefensible reliance on Chinese (and Russian) raw material and finished product imports, and vastly more slave and child labor and human rights violations around the world.

Transformers, smart grid control systems, electric vehicles and thousands of miles of additional transmission lines under the GND would add even more to the increases in raw materials demand. Modern civilizations also need numerous other metals: arsenic for microwave communications, fluorspar for aluminum and steel production and uranium processing, gallium for LEDs and cell phones, graphite for rechargeable batteries, scandium for lightweight

alloys and fuel cells, bismuth for pharmaceuticals and lead-free solders, antimony for lead-acid batteries and flame retardants, and countless others.

It bears repeating: Almost every one of these essential materials could be mined and processed domestically. But instead many are [20]100 % imported, mostly from China. Many Americans' disdain for mining and manufacturing means US energy, jobs, living standards, health and national security will be almost entirely dependent on China, Russia and other countries that are not exactly friendly or reliable.

One thing is certain. Unlike US technologies and intellectual property that are constantly at risk of theft by China – there is absolutely nothing about US mineral resource policies that the CCP would ever want to copy, much less steal! And the Chinese certainly have no interest in copying our pollution control, mined land reclamation, wildlife protection, workplace safety, fair wage, child labor or human rights laws.

Sadly, not one of these realities seems to merit even a moment's consideration by GND proponents.

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If Unborn Lives Don't Matter, No Lives Matter (2020-07-18 21:00)

For years, pro-life activists – including and especially [1]African Americans involved in the pro-life cause – have called attention to Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger, and her deeply racist views.

Sanger was an unabashed [2]eugenicist who believed that entire races and classes of people were inferior and thus “unfit” to reproduce; their expanding birthrate was, in Sanger's view, “the greatest present menace to civilization.”

This included immigrants, those with mental illness, the poor, the “[3]Asiatic races” and Blacks, who she called “[4]human weeds.”

The left, which purports to care about the poor and to champion equality for Black Americans, has always ignored the explicit racism of Planned Parenthood’s founder. But in today’s fraught climate where statues and monuments of historic figures are vandalized and torn down, Sanger could no longer remain unscathed. This past week, Planned Parenthood of Greater New York [5]announced it is renaming the Margaret Sanger Health Center in Manhattan and Margaret Sanger Square, where the building sits, as “a necessary and overdue step to reckon with our legacy and acknowledge Planned Parenthood’s contributions to historical reproductive harm within communities of color.”

One cheer for Planned Parenthood. That’s like renaming Auschwitz but keeping the ovens.

It’s hard to see how the abortion giant is going to remediate the shockingly disparate impact that its practices have had on the Black community in the United States. A [6]majority of Planned Parenthood offices are located within walking distance of minority communities. Blacks represent roughly [7]13 percent of the U.S. population but have up to [8]40 percent of all abortions annually. Across the country, nearly 30 percent of all pregnancies in Black women are terminated. In [9]2011, more than 360,000 black babies were aborted; that number was greater than all the deaths of Black Americans that year from all other causes *combined*. In response, a Texas pro-life organization created [10]billboards with the tagline “The most dangerous place for an African-American is in the womb.” Lawsuits were filed that demanded the billboards be taken down – which they were. (The truth is an unwelcome guest in the abortion industry.) But the uproar did not die down, particularly after a 2013 report issued by the [11]New York City government revealed that more Black babies were aborted than were born.

All told, more than [12]20 million black children have been aborted since the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 – more than the [13]entire number of people brought from Africa during 350 years of the Atlantic slave trade.

Why do these numbers not engender the same outrage as the deaths of George Floyd or Trayvon Martin? One answer is so unpleasant and painful that we rarely hear it explicitly stated: It’s because those responsible *want* those lives extinguished. Indeed, that is the rallying cry of so many feminists who say, “Shout your abortion,” “Abortion is health care” and [14]“Free abortion on demand and without apology.”

In other words, *those* lives don’t matter because someone wants them gone.

A woman facing an unplanned pregnancy is clearly a very different actor than, say, a street criminal who shoots a rival gang member. But at the core of each act is a belief that says, “I have the power; therefore, I have the right.”

Denying the humanity of the unborn child – something advancing science and technology has made much more difficult – is just one of the ugly pathologies abortion contributes to. A society that celebrates abortion sends the message to children that their existence depends upon the whim of another, and that their value is contingent, at best.

Abortion has also become a form of birth control, a stopgap in a culture that values pleasure over self-restraint and personal responsibility. The same attitudes that demand easy access for abortion to end the pregnancies that casual sex often produces are also behind the explosion of children born outside of marriage, the increased likelihood of criminality among fatherless boys, the poorer educational outcomes and the generational poverty, with all its attendant physical and societal ills.

This country’s elite – our political, academic and entertainment/media classes – are, as it happens, overwhelmingly white and disproportionately left-wing. Within these groups are many loud voices promoting lifestyles of promiscuous sexuality, dispensing with marital fidelity and downplaying the need for the nuclear family.

Their wealth can insulate them – at least in part – from the consequences of their foolishness. That is not true of our poor, who have borne the brunt of our careless societal experimentation, and who cannot afford the au pairs, nannies, pricy preschools, nutritionists, tutors, therapists, counselors and expensive rehab facilities that the rich employ to buttress their lives and those of their children.

This self-indulgent irresponsibility among the truly privileged is, in and of itself, not only a form of racism but of callousness toward all human beings. To do whatever one wants, whatever the impact on others, is consummate selfishness.

We will never achieve a truly compassionate and egalitarian society unless we abandon the selfishness that got us here. Abortion is proof. In a society where unborn lives do not matter, no lives matter.

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America Is Hitting the Self-Destruct Button (2020-07-20 20:45)

On Tuesday, The Wall Street Journal released the results of a poll performed in conjunction with NBC News. The poll found that 56 percent of Americans believe American society is racist. Seventy-one percent believe race relations are either very or fairly bad. Most troubling, 65 percent of black Americans say that racial discrimination is built into American society, "including into our policies and institutions."

The notion that America is systemically racist bodes ill for the future. It's also a dramatic lie. American history is replete with racism; racism was indeed the root of systems ranging from slavery to Jim Crow. But the story of America is the story of the cashing of Martin Luther King Jr.'s promissory note: fulfilling the pledge of the Declaration of Independence to treat all men equally and to grant them the protection of their unalienable natural rights. America has worked to extirpate the nearly universal sin of bigotry in pursuit of the fulfillment of the declaration. The story of America is 1776, not 1619; it's Abraham Lincoln, not John C. Calhoun; it's Martin Luther King Jr., not Robin DiAngelo.

It is particularly true today that American society does not deserve the scorn being heaped upon her head. American society is decidedly not racist. According to Swedish economists from World Values, America is one of the most racially tolerant countries on Earth. American law has banned discrimination on race for two generations and more than half a century; in fact, the only racially discriminatory laws on the books cut in favor of racial minorities, who have been granted special privileges in arenas like college admissions.

The police are no longer instruments of racial terror, contrary to popular media narrative; in many of America's largest cities, police forces are either majority minority or nearly so, and police are not more likely to shoot and kill black Americans than white Americans. Problems of high crime in minority neighborhoods are generally a result of under-policing, rather than the converse.

Some problems of wealth inequality are in part products of history – history always has consequences. But overwhelmingly, the pathways to success are not barred by discrimination. Black Americans occupy many of the most prominent positions in American society, from government, to entertainment, to education, to finance. Responsible individual decision-making is generally rewarded for all Americans, black and white. And Americans are more than willing to fight those who would obstruct the possibility of success for those who make the right decisions.

More and more Americans apparently believe that the American system is endemically racist – yet the system produces more wealth, freedom and opportunity than any on Earth for millions of citizens of every color, creed and religion. If a majority of Americans believe that society is racist – not just individuals, but a vast swath of friends and neighbors, and America's institutions to boot – then it will be quite difficult for Americans to unify.

No country can survive its citizens seeing one another as enemies rather than friends and seeing their country as a reflection of continuing evil embedded in its history. America, like every other nation, requires a common philosophy, culture and history to survive. And yet those elements are being consistently eroded by those who would rather collapse the American system in pursuit of some unspecified utopia.

That utopia will not come. All that will follow in the wake of the dissolution of our common bonds is chaos. The principles of the Declaration of Independence remain true; the promise remains durable. The only question is whether we are willing to stand up for those principles and work anew to fulfill those promises, rather than caving in the foundations of the greatest nation ever conceived by mankind.

Tom Cotton Introduces Bill to Remove Federal Funding of 1619 Project Curriculum (2020-07-23 20:33)

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR), has introduced a new bill that would prohibit federal funds from being used to teach the 1619 Project at K-12 schools and school districts. The bill would also render schools that teach the 1619 Project ineligible for purposes of receiving federal professional-development grants.

"The *New York Times's* 1619 Project is a racially divisive, revisionist account of history that denies the noble principles of freedom and equality on which our nation was founded. Not a single cent of federal funding should go to indoctrinate young Americans with this left-wing garbage," Sen. Cotton is quoted in a [1]press release.

The 1619 Project, created by Nikole Hannah-Jones, a staff writer for The New York Times Magazine, rewrites the history of the United States to begin with 1619, the year when African slaves were offloaded onto the shores of Virginia. The 1619 Project identified slavery and its subsequent effects as the central driving force throughout American history. The Project has been criticized by historians as being inaccurate. But, despite the inaccuracies, Hannah-Jones was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for her work.

Cotton's bill, Saving American History Act of 2020, would require the Secretaries of Education, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture to prorate federal funding to schools that teach the 1619 Project based on a determination of how much it costs to teach the curriculum at each school.

According to Sen. Cotton, several schools have already begun incorporating the 1619 Project into their curricula. These schools and school districts include Chicago; Newark, New Jersey; Buffalo, New York; and Washington, D.C.

Why This Revolution Isn't Like the '60s (2020-07-23 20:42)

In the 1960s and early '70s, the U.S. was convulsed by massive protests calling for radical changes in the country's attitudes on race, class, gender and sexual orientation. The Vietnam War and widespread college deferments were likely the fuel that ignited prior peaceful civil disobedience.

Sometimes the demonstrations became violent, as with the Watts riots of 1965 and the protests at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago. Terrorists from the Weathermen (later called the Weather Underground) bombed dozens of government buildings.

The '60s revolution introduced to the country everything from hippies, communes, free love, mass tattooing, commonplace profanity, rampant drug use, rock music and high divorce rates to the war on poverty, massive government growth, feminism, affirmative action and race/gender/ethnic college curricula.

The enemies of the '60s counterculture were the "establishment" – politicians, corporations, the military and the "square" generation" in general. Leftists targeted their parents, who had grown up in the Great Depression. That generation had won World War II and returned to create a booming postwar economy. After growing up with economic and military hardship, they sought a return to comfortable conformity in the 1950s.

A half-century after the earlier revolution, today's cultural revolution is vastly different – and far more dangerous.

Government and debt have grown. Social activism is already institutionalized in hundreds of newer federal programs. The "Great Society" inaugurated a multitrillion-dollar investment in the welfare state. Divorce rates soared. The nuclear family waned. Immigration, both legal and illegal, skyrocketed.

Thus, America is far less resilient, and a far more divided, indebted and vulnerable target than it was in 1965.

Today, radicals are not protesting against 1950s conservatism but rather against the radicals of the 1960s, who as old liberals now hold power. Now, many of the current enforcers – blue-state governors, mayors and police chiefs – are from the left. Unlike Democratic Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley in the '60s, today's progressive civic leaders often sympathize with the protesters.

The '60s protests were for racial assimilation and integration to reify Martin Luther King Jr.'s agenda of making race incidental, not essential, to the American mindset. Not so with today's cultural revolution. It seeks to ensure that racial difference is the foundation of American life, dividing the country between supposed non-white victims and purported white victimizers, past and present.

In the '60s, radicals rebelled against their teachers and professors, who were often highly competent and the products of fact-based and inductive education. Not so in 2020. Today's radicals were taught not by traditionalists but by less-educated older radicals.

Another chief difference is debt. Most public education in the 1960s was bare-bones and relatively inexpensive. Because there were no plush dorms, latte bars, rock-climbing walls, diversity coordinators and provosts of inclusion, college tuition in real dollars was far cheaper.

The result was that 1960s student radicals graduated without much debt and for all their hipness could enter a booming economy with marketable skills. Today's angry graduates owe a collective \$1.6 trillion in student loan debt – much of it borrowed for mediocre, therapeutic and politicized training that does not impress employers.

College debt impedes maturity, marriage, child-raising, home ownership and the saving of money. In other words, today's radical is far more desperate and angry that his college gambit never paid off.

Today's divide is also geographical in the fashion of 1861, not just generational as in the 1960s. The two blue coasts seem to despise the vast red interior, and vice versa.

Yet the scariest trait of the current revolution is that many of its sympathizers haven't changed much since the 1960s. They may be rich, powerful, influential and older, but they are just as reckless and see the current chaos as the final victory in their own long march from the '60s.

Corporations are no longer seen as evil, but as woke contributors to the revolution. The military is no longer smeared as warmongering, but praised as a government employment service where race, class and gender agendas can be green-lighted without messy legislative debate. Unlike the 1960s, there are essentially no conservatives in Hollywood, on campuses or in government bureaucracies.

So the war no longer pits radicals against conservatives, but often socialists and anarchists against both liberals and conservatives.

In the '60s, a huge "silent majority" finally had enough, elected Richard Nixon and slowed down the revolution by jailing its criminals, absorbing and moderating it. Today, if there is a silent mass of traditionalists and conservatives, they remain in hiding.

If they stay quiet in their veritable mental monasteries and deplore the violence in silence, the revolution will steamroll on. But as in the past, if they finally snap, decide enough is enough and reclaim their country, then even this cultural revolution will sputter out, too.

Iain's CD Collection (2020-07-25 06:53)

1. Aphex Twin Selected Ambient Works 85-92 2002
2. Various 100 Hits Rock Jukebox 2016
3. Sasha & John Digweed Renaissance: The Mix Collection 1994
4. Dave Seaman And Ian Ossia Renaissance: The Mix Collection Part 4 1996
5. The Thrillseekers Nightmusic Volume 1 2005
6. The Thrillseekers Nightmusic Volume 3 2008
7. The Thrillseekers Nightmusic Volume 2 2007
8. System Of A Down Toxicity 2001
9. System Of A Down System Of A Down 0

10. Thom Brennan Vibrant Water 2001
11. Above & Beyond Anjunabeats Volume One 2003
12. Above & Beyond Anjunabeats Volume Two 2006
13. Above & Beyond Anjunabeats Volume Three 2005
14. Above & Beyond Tri-State 2006
15. Above & Beyond Anjunabeats Volume Four 2006
16. Above & Beyond Anjunabeats Volume Five 2007
17. Jaytech & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 02 2010
18. Jaytech & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 03 2011
19. Jaytech & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 04 2012
20. Jody Wisternoff & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 05 2013
21. Jody Wisternoff & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 06 2014
22. Jody Wisternoff & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 07 2015
23. Way Out West Tuesday Maybe 2017
24. Jody Wisternoff & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 09 2017
25. James Grant (4) & Jody Wisternoff Anjunadeep 10 2019
26. Jody Wisternoff & James Grant (4) Anjunadeep 11 2020
27. Various Anjunadeep In Miami 2018 2018
28. Brooks & Dunn Brand New Man 1991
29. Brooks & Dunn (3) Waitin' On Sundown 1994
30. Brooks & Dunn Steers & Stripes 2001
31. Alan Jackson (2) 34 Number Ones 2010
32. Brooks & Dunn The Greatest Hits Collection 1997
33. Various Universal Religion - Chapter One 2003
34. Armin van Buuren Universal Religion 2004, Live From Armada At Ibiza 2004
35. Markus Schulz Miami '05 2005
36. Various A State Of Trance - The Collected 12" Mixes 2005
37. Various Electronic Elements: The Collected 12" Mixes 2005
38. Various Electronic Elements: The Collected 12" Mixes 2005
39. Markus Schulz Ibiza '06 2006
40. Various A State Of Trance - Collected 12" Mixes Volume 2 2007

41. Various Electronic Elements: The Collected 12" Mixes Vol. 2 2007
42. Sunlounger Another Day On The Terrace 2007
43. Markus Schulz Amsterdam 08 2008
44. Various Captivating Sounds - The Collected 12" Mixes Volume 2 2008
45. Various A State Of Trance - Collected Extended Versions Volume 3 2008
46. Roger P. Shah Magic Island: Music For Balearic People 2008
47. Markus Schulz Toronto '09 2009
48. Various A State Of Trance - Collected Extended Versions Volume 4 2009
49. Armin van Buuren Universal Religion Chapter 4 - Special Edition 2009
50. Dash Berlin The New Daylight 2009
51. Sunlounger The Downtempo Edition 2010
52. Markus Schulz Las Vegas '10 2010
53. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance 2010 2010
54. Dash Berlin United Destination 2010 2010
55. Roger P. Shah Magic Island: Music For Balearic People Vol. 3 2010
56. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance 2004 - 2009 2010
57. Markus Schulz Prague '11 2011
58. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance 2011 2011
59. Various A State Of Trance 500 2011
60. Dash Berlin United Destination 2011 2011
61. Armin van Buuren Universal Religion Chapter Five 2011
62. Markus Schulz Los Angeles '12 2012
63. Various A State Of Trance 550: Invasion 2012
64. Various A State Of Trance Classics Vol. 7 2012
65. Various A State Of Trance Episode 600 The Expedition 2013
66. Various A State Of Trance Classics Vol. 8 2013
67. Armin van Buuren Universal Religion Chapter Seven 2013
68. Markus Schulz Buenos Aires '13 2013
69. Various A State Of Trance 650 - New Horizons 2014
70. Armin van Buuren Anthems - Ultimate Singles Collected 2014
71. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance 2015 2015

72. Various A State Of Trance Classics Vol. 10 2015
73. Various A State Of Trance Classics Vol. 11 2016
74. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance - 15 Years 2016
75. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance 800 2017
76. Various A State Of Trance Classics 12 2017
77. Various A State Of Trance Classics 13 2018
78. Sunlounger Sunny Tales 2008
79. Various A State Of Trance 400 - The Celebration Edition 2009
80. The Future Sound Of London Dead Cities 1996
81. The Chemical Brothers Dig Your Own Hole 1997
82. The Future Sound Of London Lifeforms 1994
83. Dream Theater Images And Words 0
84. Led Zeppelin Led Zeppelin II 1999
85. Led Zeppelin Untitled 0
86. Led Zeppelin Led Zeppelin III 1987
87. King Gizzard And The Lizard Wizard Murder Of The Universe 2017
88. King Gizzard And The Lizard Wizard Nonagon Infinity 2016
89. Nick Warren Balance 018 2011
90. Henry Saiz Balance 019 2011
91. Danny Howells Balance 024 2013
92. Danny Tenaglia Balance 025 2014
93. Hernán Cattáneo Balance 026 2014
94. Hernán Cattáneo Balance Presents Sudbeat 2017
95. James Zabiela Balance 029 2018
96. Hernán Cattáneo Balance Presents Sunsetstrip 2019
97. Nick Warren Balance Presents The Soundgarden 2019
98. George Jones (2) 50 Years Of Hits 2004
99. John Digweed Bedrock Eleven: Compiled & Mixed John Digweed 2009
100. John Digweed Bedrock 12: Compiled By John Digweed 2010
101. John Digweed Bedrock 14: Compiled by John Digweed 2012
102. John Digweed / C-Jay (2) Bedrock 18 - Signals / Echoes 2016

103. John Digweed Bedrock XX 2018
104. John Digweed Live In Argentina 2013
105. John Digweed MMII 2002
106. John Digweed Live In Córdoba 2012
107. John Digweed Live In London 2012
108. John Digweed Live In Miami 2014
109. John Digweed Live In Montreal - Finale (Stereo) 2016
110. John Digweed Live In Montreal (Stereo) 2016
111. John Digweed Last Night At Output 2019
112. John Digweed Quattro 2020
113. John Digweed Live In South Beach 2015
114. John Digweed Structures 2010
115. John Digweed Structures Two 2011
116. John Digweed Live In Toronto 2014
117. John Digweed Live In Tokyo 2018
118. John Digweed & Nick Muir Versus 2013
119. John Digweed Bedrock Compiled & Mixed By John Digweed 1999
120. Beach House Teen Dream 2010
121. Cheap Trick We're All Alright! 2017
122. DJ Tiësto Magik Two: Story Of The Fall 2011
123. DJ Tiësto Magik Four: A New Adventure 2012
124. DJ Tiësto Magik: First Flight 0
125. DJ Tiësto Magik Three: Far From Earth 2000
126. Solarstone + Orkidea Solarstone Presents... Pure Trance 2012
127. Solarstone Electronic Architecture 3 2014
128. DJ Tiësto Magik Five: Heaven Beyond 2000
129. Solarstone + Bryan Kearney Solarstone Presents... Pure Trance V3 2014
130. Solarstone + Gai Barone Solarstone Presents... Pure Trance V4 2015
131. DJ Tiësto Magik Six: Live In Amsterdam 2000
132. Forerunners, Solarstone & Sneijder Solarstone Presents... Pure Trance V5 2016
133. Ferry Corsten Artist Profile Series 1: Solar Serenades 1999

134. Robert Nickson, Solarstone & Factor B (2) Solarstone Presents... Pure Trance V6 2017
135. Kristina Sky, Solarstone & Lostly Solarstone Presents Pure Trance V7 2018
136. Metallica ...And Justice For All 2013
137. Metallica Metallica 2013
138. Metallica Reload 2013
139. Carbon Based Lifeforms Derelicts 2017
140. Carbon Based Lifeforms Hydroponic Garden 2016
141. Carbon Based Lifeforms World Of Sleepers 2016
142. Carbon Based Lifeforms Interloper 2016
143. Paul Oakenfold Global Underground: Live In Oslo 1997
144. John Digweed Global Underground 006: Sydney 1998
145. Nick Warren Global Underground 011: Budapest 1999
146. Sasha Global Underground 013: Ibiza 1999
147. John Digweed 014: Hong Kong 1999
148. Nick Warren Global Underground 018: Amsterdam 2000
149. John Digweed Global Underground 019: Los Angeles 2001
150. Paul Oakenfold Global Underground 007: New York 1998
151. Nick Warren Global Underground 008: Brazil 1998
152. Paul Oakenfold Global Underground 007: New York 1998
153. Nick Warren Global Underground 018: Amsterdam 2000
154. Waylon Jennings Waylon The Ramblin' Man 2000
155. Garth Brooks Sevens 1997
156. The Beach Boys Pet Sounds 1999
157. Radiohead The Bends 1995
158. Pink Floyd The Dark Side Of The Moon 1985
159. Iron Maiden Somewhere In Time 0
160. Radiohead Kid A 2000
161. Radiohead OK Computer 1997
162. Garth Brooks Longneck Bottle 1995
163. Garth Brooks Fresh Horses 1995
164. Eric Church Sinners Like Me 2006

165. Beastie Boys Paul's Boutique 1989
166. Megadeth Peace Sells... But Who's Buying? 0
167. Garth Brooks Garth Brooks 1989
168. Megadeth Rust In Peace 1990
169. King Gizzard And The Lizard Wizard I'm In Your Mind Fuzz 2014
170. ATB Peaktime Vol 4 - The DJ™ - In The Mix 2004
171. Cheap Trick The Latest 2009
172. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2006 2006
173. Various A State Of Trance Classics Vol. 2 2007
174. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2007 2007
175. Various A State Of Trance Classics Vol. 3 2008
176. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2008 2008
177. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2009 2009
178. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2010 2010
179. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2011 2012
180. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2012 2012
181. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2013 2013
182. Armin van Buuren A State Of Trance Year Mix 2014 2014
183. Various A State Of Trance Classics 2006
184. Various A State Of Trance Classics Vol. 4 2009
185. Daft Punk Random Access Memories 2013
186. Journey Greatest Hits 0
187. Bruce Springsteen The Essential Bruce Springsteen 2003
188. Jonas Brothers It's About Time 2006
189. David Bowie 𐀀 (Blackstar) 2016
190. Alice In Chains The Essential Alice In Chains 2006
191. Journey The Essential Journey 2008
192. The Byrds The Essential Byrds 3.0 2011
193. Judas Priest The Essential Judas Priest 2008
194. Kris Kristofferson The Essential Kris Kristofferson 2004
195. Johnny Cash The Essential Johnny Cash 2002

196. Willie Nelson The Essential Willie Nelson 2015
197. Willie Nelson Red Headed Stranger 2000
198. Willie Nelson Greatest Hits (And Some That Will Be) 2003
199. Paul Oakenfold The Goa Mix 1995
200. Various Twelve Inch Eighties (Rhythm Is Gonna Get You) 2016
201. Various Twelve Inch Eighties (Let's Groove) 2016
202. Various Twelve Inch Eighties (Can You Feel It) 2016
203. Various Twelve Inch Eighties (You Spin Me Round) 2016
204. Various Twelve Inch Eighties (People Hold On) 2016
205. Weezer Weezer 2016
206. Tim McGraw Tim McGraw 1993
207. LeAnn Rimes Blue 1996
208. Tim McGraw Everywhere 1997
209. LeAnn Rimes This Woman 2005
210. LeAnn Rimes Family 2007
211. Tim McGraw Number One Hits 2010
212. Tim McGraw Greatest Hits 2001
213. Matt Darey Ibiza Euphoria 1999
214. 2Pac All Eyez On Me 0
215. Way Out West Way Out West 1997
216. Paul van Dyk Out There And Back 2000
217. Weezer Weezer 1994
218. Weezer Weezer 2008
219. Ferry Corsten Passport: United States Of America 2007
220. Way Out West Don't Look Now 2004
221. Dream Theater Awake 0
222. Model 500 Starlight 2008
223. Metallica Ride The Lightning 0
224. Metallica Master Of Puppets 0
225. Eric Church Chief 2011
226. The Clash The Essential Clash 2005

- 227. Michael Jackson Thriller 1983
- 228. Michael Jackson Number Ones 2003
- 229. Korn Korn 1994
- 230. Ozzy Osbourne Blizzard Of Ozz 2011
- 231. Cheap Trick The Essential Cheap Trick 2004
- 232. James Holden Balance 005 2003
- 233. Sven Väth Accident In Paradise 1992
- 234. John Digweed Fabric 20 2005
- 235. Shades Of Orion Shades Of Orion 3 1996
- 236. Ferry Corsten Twice In A Blue Moon 2008
- 237. Ferry Corsten Ferry Corsten Presents Corsten's Countdown - The Finest Selection Of 200 Shows 2011
- 238. Ferry Corsten Blueprint 2017
- 239. King Gizzard And The Lizard Wizard Polygondwanaland 2018
- 240. King Gizzard And The Lizard Wizard Flying Microtonal Banana 2017
- 241. The Future Sound Of London Environments II 2009
- 242. The Future Sound Of London Environments 3 2010
- 243. The Future Sound Of London Environments 4 2012
- 244. The Future Sound Of London Environment Five 2014
- 245. The Future Sound Of London Environment Six 2016
- 246. Guns N' Roses Greatest Hits 2004
- 247. Com Truise Galactic Melt 2011
- 248. Com Truise Iteration 2017
- 249. Sasha Global Underground #013: Ibiza 2002
- 250. Deep Dish Global Underground 021: Moscow 2001
- 251. Nick Warren Reykjavik #024 2003
- 252. Deep Dish Toronto #025 2003
- 253. Deep Dish Global Underground #025: Toronto 2016
- 254. Nick Warren Shanghai #028 2005
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Billionaires Buying Minnesota Prosecutors? (2020-07-26 20:01)

Imagine a state's attorney general accepting staff who were paid by a foundation that was funded by an out of state billionaire who had financial and political interests he wanted advanced. These volunteer assistant attorneys general waste little time filing lawsuits against the billionaire's adversaries in Minnesota. They pursue their actions knowing full well that even if they succeed, the only result will be higher prices for all Minnesotans.

That's exactly what is happening right now in the Minnesota attorney general's office.

Recently, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison's office filed a lawsuit against the American Petroleum Institute, Exxon Mobil, and Koch Industries, claiming that they have caused "devastating economic and public-health consequences." These entities have engaged in a "campaign of deception" concerning *their* carbon emissions. The lawsuit isn't grounded in fact. It's simply a replay of suits filed against energy providers that have already failed in other courts.

Let's call it political prosecution.

Two of the four attorneys on the Minnesota complaint came from a New York University fellowship program. Curiously, that program received \$5.6 million in funding from the Bloomberg Family Foundation to support "defending and promoting clean energy, climate and environmental laws and policies." Coincidentally, they hold the titles of "Special Assistant Attorney General" in the office. They even have official state e-mails. They receive these titles despite their salaries being paid by the Bloomberg Foundation. So, a Democrat mega-donor effectively bought influence inside our attorney general's office? Shouldn't this raise serious legal and ethical concerns?

The suit pretends that the science is already settled on what they categorize as the “severe environmental and social consequences” of carbon emissions. They must know that this is far from the case. They further claim that the world has warmed by two degrees Fahrenheit due to human-caused climate change. That two-degree number has never been proven. The role that human beings and their burning of hydrocarbon fuels may have played in any change is even more tenuous.

Apparently, these energy companies should be held liable for disagreeing with what climate alarmists have projected, even though other respected scientists have challenged these findings. You may remember just a few weeks ago, one former climate alarmist made a public apology for claims he had previously made. A recent study found that over 100 of the climate models used by government climate scientists – between 1950 to 2015 – dramatically over-predicted warming rates. These energy companies are targeted largely because they disagree with these increasingly flawed models and forecasts.

Ellison’s job as the state’s chief legal officer is to uphold and enforce the law objectively. He represents all Minnesotans. He hasn’t found much time to prosecute rioters and those who defaced statues on the state capitol grounds. So why is he devoting so much time to suing companies that supply much-needed energy to Minnesotans?

A New York judge threw out a similar suit, stating that “the scope of plaintiffs’ theory is breathtaking” and asked a critical question – “would it really be fair to now ignore our own responsibility in the use of fossil fuels and place the blame for global warming on those who supplied what we demanded?” Other judges have also ruled that courts are not the proper venue to address climate policy.

Minnesota continues to rely on hydrocarbon fuels. According to the Energy Information Administration, about 30 percent of all U.S. crude imports flow through the North Star State. Coal and natural gas generate over 60. percent of the state’s electricity. How can these frivolous lawsuits do anything but waste taxpayer’s money and drive up the price of energy?

We all want a cleaner environment. Suing energy providers won’t make anything better. Especially when similar lawsuits have already been adjudicated. It gets cold here in Minnesota. We need access to affordable energy. We have seen a dramatic 16.5-percent organic increase in electric power generation from 2007 to 2017. Wind and other renewables cannot carry the load.

Politically motivated, frivolous lawsuits solve nothing. Allowing billionaires to pay for prosecutors sets a dangerous precedent. The whole thing demands oversight hearings.

Anti-Americanism: The New Anti-Semitism (2020-07-28 21:25)

What are the two most hated countries in the world?

America and Israel.

Who hates both America and Israel?

The left (and Islamists).

And why is that? Why does the left (not liberals, *the left* hate America and Israel?

In “Why the Jews; The Reason for Antisemitism,” a book I co-authored with Rabbi Joseph Telushkin in 1983 (the latest edition was published in 2016), we compared hatred of America with hatred of Jews.

This is what we wrote. It precisely explains what is happening in America today.

“Perhaps the best way to understand the admiration and resentment elicited by the quality of Jewish life is to compare the reactions of the world to America’s quality of life. No other country has so many people seeking to move there. At the same time, no country, with the exception of Israel, is the target of so many hateful and false attacks.

"The United States, because of its success and its ideals, challenges many people throughout the world. How did America, a nation composed largely of those rejected by other societies ('The wretched refuse of your teeming shore' declare the words at the base of the Statue of Liberty), become the most affluent, freest, most powerful, and most influential society in the world? Americans generally attribute this success to the values of America's founding generations (such as individual liberty, religious tolerance, Judeo-Christian morality, and secular government), to a work ethic, and to the subsequent waves of immigrants who embraced these values. Enemies of America attribute it to the country's natural resources, just as many people attribute Jewish success to their natural resource, alleged greater innate intelligence. Others claim that through capitalist exploitation, America cheated poorer countries, paralleling charges that Jewish success has been attained through economic 'bloodsucking.' Still others develop an imperialist version of America's past and present, similar to the anti-Jewish charge of a world Jewish conspiracy.

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"But the United States is hardly the only society with great natural resources, and it has been the least imperialistic of the world's powers. America's values, not unfair resource distribution or world exploitation, have made the United States better, just as Judaism and its values, not genetic advantage or economic conspiracies, account for the quality of life led by Jews. The two people's quality of life has provoked similar reactions – many admire them, and many resent them."

Just like the Jews, America is hated because it is successful. For over a century, it has been the most successful country in the world – in virtually every way. If having had slavery was a real issue in the left's anti-Americanism, the left would hate the Arab world and Latin American countries such as Brazil more than it hates the United States. While The New York Times and other left-wing institutions are preoccupied with slavery in America, they ignore – out of ideological nonconcern or out of sheer ignorance – the vastly larger number of Africans enslaved by Muslim and South American nations.

Of the more than 12 million African slaves shipped to the Western Hemisphere, only about 3 % – between 306,000 and 380,000 – were sent to the United States. The other 97 % were sent to the Caribbean and Brazil. And the slaves in the U.S. South lived longer and made larger families than the slaves of Latin America. Yet, the U.S. is singled out for hatred. Why? Because the left doesn't resent Brazil. Brazil is not an object of envy.

Likewise, there is no left-wing hatred of the Arab world, which enslaved far more blacks than the North and South Americas combined did. The internationally recognized expert on African history, Senegalese anthropologist [4]Tidiane N'Diaye, wrote: "Most people still have the so-called Transatlantic (slave) trade by Europeans into the New World in mind. But in reality the Arab-Muslim slavery was much greater. ... [5]The Arab Muslims were the most murderous of all those involved in the slave trade." Part of that murderous treatment of African slaves involved castrating the males so they could not reproduce. And the women and girls were traded as sex slaves.

Where is the leftist anger at the Arab and Muslim world? There is, of course, none. On the contrary, the left protects the Muslim and Arab world against moral criticism.

The left hates America for its success and influence on the world, just as anti-Semites hated Jews for their success and influence on the world.

The left doesn't hate America because it is bad. It hates America because it is good. If the left hated evil, it would love America and hate its enemies.

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American Stormtroopers: A Lie (2020-07-28 21:43)

With the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse under nightly siege from violent communists, and Portland's police hard-pressed to protect it, President Trump sent in federal agents to secure the building.

The reaction from Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi: "The use of stormtroopers under the guise of law and order is a tactic that is not appropriate to our country in any way."

Majority Whip James Clyburn endorsed the speaker's equating of the U.S. law enforcement officers to Ernst Rohm's SA thugs being deployed to do the dirty work of Adolph Hitler.

"Nobody asked the federal government to come into Portland. Nobody asked them to come to Seattle," ranted Clyburn. "This is something that's made up of whole cloth by this administration as an excuse for sending in stormtroopers to incite the people."

Clyburn had earlier compared the U.S. officers sent to Portland to Heinrich Himmler's Nazi secret police: "This president and this attorney general seem to be doing everything they possibly can to impose Gestapo activities on local communities, and this is what I've been warning about for a long time."

His Gestapo comparison recalls Sen. Abe Ribicoff's denunciation of the Chicago police under Mayor Richard J. Daley during the 1968 Democratic National Convention after police clashed with radicals in Grant Park: "With George McGovern, we wouldn't have Gestapo tactics in the streets of Chicago!"

What do the men and women of the FBI, DEA, ICE, DHS, CBP and the U.S. Marshals Service think of congressional leaders who equate them with Nazi stormtroopers and the Gestapo?

Outraged that Trump sent in federal agents to protect a building they had under siege for weeks, the Portland mob came out in even greater numbers and rioted through the weekend. Saturday night, there were solidarity riots with Portland in Seattle, Oakland, Austin, Richmond, and other cities.

Consider the depth of hatred of Trump that would cause leaders of the Democratic Party to compare U.S. law enforcement to Nazis.

Still, to date, no apologies have been heard.

Yet, as police are again being cursed and showered with debris, it is hard to see how this country reunites and around what, no matter which party prevails in November.

In addition to the reigniting of protests and riots in urban centers, there has come in tandem with demands to "defund the police" a surge in violent crime. Last week, Trump offered some staggering statistics:

"In New York City, over 300 people were shot in the last month alone, a 277 ... percent increase over the same period of a year ago. Murders this year have spiked 27 percent in Philadelphia and 94 percent in Minneapolis compared to the same period in 2019.

"Perhaps no citizens have suffered more from the menace of violent crime than the wonderful people of Chicago. ...

At least 414 people have been murdered in the city this year, a roughly 50 percent increase over last year. More than 1,900 people have been shot. These are numbers that aren't even to be believed."

As Black Lives Matter protests revive, ostensibly for greater justice for black folks, a vastly disproportionate number of victims of these urban shootings and killings are black, as are a disproportionate number of the criminals doing the shooting and killing.

The New York Times suggests that a new "Silent Majority" of 2020, unlike Richard Nixon's Silent Majority of 1969, backs the protesters and their causes.

A dissent: while the country was disgusted and outraged at George Floyd's death from that cop kneeling on his neck and supported the protests and the calls for police reform, two months of Leftist rampages have taken their toll.

When the protests turned into riots, when the looting and arson began, when the statues began to be pulled down, when the rampages went on and on for weeks and months after Floyd's death, support began to wane. And it is dissipating quickly.

The country is not going to sit still for three more months of this. At some point soon, America is going to say, "enough is enough."

Moreover, Trump has turned a permanent presidential spotlight on a real outrage: the shootings and killings that go on year in and year out, and are now escalating, especially in poor black neighborhoods of major cities, are accepted as normal by the same liberal Democrats who have misruled those cities for decades.

Trump has put this issue on the table for the indefinite future. And the ferocity of the liberal reaction testifies to the validity of the issue and to the terror of the left: that a consistent stand for law and order – with the cops who guarantee it against the mobs that threaten it – might turn the tide in Middle America back to where it naturally resides.

The majority of Americans believe, and rightly so, that this is a good country. And they will eventually tune out radicals who visibly hate its heroes and history and have on offer nothing but their own inchoate rage.

Ever hear of the Fourth Turning theory? (2020-07-31 20:07)

History

William Strauss and Neil Howe's partnership began in the late 1980s when they began writing their first book *Generations*, which discusses the history of the United States as a succession of generational biographies. Each had written on generational topics: Strauss on Baby Boomers and the Vietnam War draft, and Howe on the [1]G.I. Generation and federal entitlement programs.^{[2][18]} Strauss co-wrote two books with [3]Lawrence Baskir about how the [4]Vietnam War affected the Baby Boomers (*Chance and Circumstance: The Draft the War and The Vietnam Generation* (1978) and *Reconciliation after Vietnam* (1977)). Neil Howe studied what he believed to be the US's [5]entitlement attitude of the 1980s and co-authored *On Borrowed Time: How America's entitlement ego puts America's future at risk of Bankruptcy* in 1988 with [6]Peter George Peterson.^{[7][19]} The authors' interest in generations as a broader topic emerged after they met in Washington, D.C., and began discussing the connections between each of their previous works.^{[8][20]}

They wondered why Boomers and G.I.s had developed such different ways of looking at the world, and what it was about these generations' experiences growing up that prompted their different outlooks. They also wondered whether any previous generations had acted along similar lines, and their research discussed historical analogues to the current generations. They ultimately described a recurring pattern in Anglo-American history of four generational types, each with a distinct collective persona, and a corresponding cycle of four different types of era, each with a distinct mood. The groundwork for this theory was laid out in *Generations* in 1991. Strauss and Howe expanded on their theory and updated the terminology in *The Fourth Turning* in 1997.^{[9][18][10][21]} *Generations* helped popularize the idea that people in a particular age group tend to share a distinct set of beliefs, attitudes, values and behaviors because they all grow up and come of age during a particular period in history.^{[11][8]}

In *Generations* (1991) and *The Fourth Turning* (1997), they discussed the [12]generation gap between Baby Boomers and their parents and predicted there would be no such gap between Millennials and their elders. In 2000, they published *Millennials Rising*. A 2000 [13]*New York Times* book review for this book titled: *What's the Matter With Kids Today? Not a Thing*, described the message of *Millennials Rising* as "we boomers are raising a cohort of kids who are smarter, more industrious and better behaved than any generation before", saying the book complimented the Baby Boomer cohort by complimenting their parenting skills.^{[14][22][15][23][16][24]}

In the mid-1990s, the authors began receiving inquiries about how their research could be applied to strategic problems in organizations. They established themselves as pioneers in a growing field, and started speaking frequently about their work at events and conferences.^{[17][8]} In 1999, they founded LifeCourse Associates, a publishing, speaking and consulting company built on their generational theory. As LifeCourse partners, they have offered keynote speeches, consulting services, and customized communications to corporate, nonprofit, government, and education clients. They have also written six books in which they assert that the Millennial Generation is transforming various sectors, including schools, colleges, entertainment, and the workplace.^[18] *promotional language*]

On December 18, 2007, William Strauss died at the age of 60 from [19]pancreatic cancer.^{[20][25]} Neil Howe continues to expand LifeCourse Associates and to write books and articles on a variety of generational topics. Each year Mr. Howe gives about 60 speeches, often followed by customized workshops, at colleges, elementary schools, and corporations.^{[21][8]} Neil Howe is a public policy adviser to the [22]Blackstone Group, senior adviser to the [23]Concord Coalition, and senior associate to the [24]Center for Strategic and International Studies.^{[25][26]}

[26]Steve Bannon, former [27]Chief Strategist and [28]Senior Counselor to [29]President Trump is a prominent proponent of the theory. As a documentary filmmaker, Bannon discussed the details of Strauss-Howe generational theory in [30]*Generation Zero*. According to historian [31]David Kaiser, who was consulted for the film, *Generation Zero* "focused on the key aspect of their theory, the idea that every 80 years American history has been marked by a crisis, or 'fourth turning', that destroyed an old order and created a new one". Kaiser said Bannon is "very familiar with Strauss and Howe's theory of crisis, and has been thinking about how to use it to achieve particular goals for quite a while."^{[32][27][33][28][34][29]} A February 2017 article from [35]*Business Insider* titled: "Steve Bannon's obsession with a dark theory of history should be worrisome", commented: "Bannon seems to be trying to bring about the 'Fourth Turning'."^{[36][30]}

Works

Strauss and Howe's theory provided historical information regarding living and past generations and made various predictions. Many of their predictions were regarding the Millennial Generation, who were young children when they began their work, thus lacking significant historical data. In their first book *Generations* (1991), Strauss and Howe describe the history of the US as a succession of Anglo-American generational biographies from 1584 to the present, and they describe a theorized recurring generational cycle in American history. The authors posit a pattern

of four repeating phases, generational types and a recurring cycle of spiritual awakenings and secular crises, from the founding colonials of America through the present day.^{[37][1][38][31]}

Strauss and Howe followed in 1993 with their second book *13th Gen: Abort, Retry, Ignore, Fail?*, which was published while Gen Xers were young adults. The book examines the generation born between 1961 and 1981, "Gen-Xers" (which they called "13ers", describing them as the thirteenth generation since the US became a nation). The book asserts that 13ers' location in history as under-protected children during the [39]Consciousness Revolution explains their pragmatic attitude. They describe Gen Xers as growing up during a time when society was less focused on children and more focused on adults and their [40]self-actualization.^{[41][32][42][33][43][31]}

In 1997, the authors published *The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy*, which expanded on the ideas presented in *Generations* and extended their cycles back into the early 15th century. The authors began the use of more colorful names for generational archetypes - e.g. "Civics" became "Heroes" (which they applied to the Millennial Generation), "Adaptives" became "Artists" - and of the terms "Turning" and "Saeculum" for the generational cycles. The title is a reference to what their first book called a Crisis period, which they expected to recur soon after the turn of the millennium.^{[44][2]}

In 2000, the two authors published *Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation*. This work discussed the personality of the Millennial Generation, whose oldest members were described as the high school graduating class of the year 2000. In this 2000 book, Strauss and Howe asserted that Millennial teens and young adults were recasting the image of youth from "downbeat and alienated to upbeat and engaged". They credited increased parental attention and protection for these positive changes. They asserted Millennials are held to higher standards than adults apply to themselves and that they are a lot less vulgar and violent than the teen culture older people produce for them. They described them as less sexually charged and as ushering in a new sexual modesty, with an increasing belief that sex should be saved for marriage and a return to conservative family values. They predicted that over the following decade, Millennials would transform what it means to be young. According to the authors, Millennials could emerge as the next "Great Generation". The book was described as an optimistic, feel-good book for the parents of the Millennial Generation, predominantly the Baby Boomers.^{[45][22][46][34][47][35]}

Defining a generation

Strauss and Howe define a [48]social generation as the aggregate of all people born over a span of roughly twenty years or about the length of one phase of life: [49]childhood, young adulthood, [50]midlife, and [51]old age. Generations are identified (from first birthyear to last) by looking for [52]cohort groups of this length that share three criteria. First, members of a generation share what the authors call an *age location in history*: they encounter key historical events and social trends while occupying the same phase of life. In this view, members of a generation are shaped in lasting ways by the eras they encounter as children and young adults and they share certain common *beliefs and behaviors*. Aware of the experiences and traits that they share with their peers, members of a generation would also share a sense of common *perceived membership* in that generation.^{[53][36]}

They based their definition of a generation on the work of various writers and social thinkers, from ancient writers such as [54]Polybius and [55]Ibn Khaldun to modern social theorists such as [56]José Ortega y Gasset, [57]Karl Mannheim, [58]John Stuart Mill, [59]Émile Littré, [60]Auguste Comte, and François Mentré.^{[61][37]}

Turnings

While writing *Generations*, Strauss and Howe described a theorized pattern in the historical generations they examined, which they say revolved around generational events which they call turnings. In *Generations*, and in greater detail in *The Fourth Turning*, they describe a four-stage cycle of social or mood eras which they call "turnings". The turnings include: "The High", "The Awakening", "The Unraveling" and "The Crisis".^{[62][31]}

High

According to Strauss and Howe, the First Turning is a *High*, which occurs after a Crisis. During *The High*, institutions are strong and individualism is weak. Society is confident about where it wants to go collectively, though those outside the majoritarian center often feel stifled by the conformity.^{[63][38]}

According to the authors, the most recent First Turning in the US was the post-World War II American High, beginning in 1946 and ending with the [64]assassination of John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.^{[65][39]}

Awakening

According to the theory, the Second Turning is an *Awakening*. This is an era when institutions are attacked in the name of personal and spiritual autonomy. Just when society is reaching its high tide of public progress, people suddenly tire of social discipline and want to recapture a sense of "self-awareness", "spirituality" and "personal authenticity". Young activists look back at the previous High as an era of cultural and spiritual poverty.^{[66][40]}

Strauss & Howe say the US's most recent Awakening was the "Consciousness Revolution," which spanned from the campus and inner-city revolts of the mid-1960s to the tax revolts of the early 1980s.^{[67][41]}

Unraveling

According to Strauss and Howe, the Third Turning is an *Unraveling*. The mood of this era they say is in many ways the opposite of a High: Institutions are weak and distrusted, while individualism is strong and flourishing. The authors say Highs come after Crises, when society wants to coalesce and build and avoid the death and destruction of the previous crisis. Unravelings come after Awakenings, when society wants to atomize and enjoy.^{[68][42]} They say the most recent Unraveling in the US began in the 1980s and includes the [69]Long Boom and [70]Culture War.^{[71][31]}

Crisis

According to the authors, the Fourth Turning is a *Crisis*. This is an era of destruction, often involving war or revolution, in which institutional life is destroyed and rebuilt in response to a perceived threat to the nation's survival. After the crisis, civic authority revives, cultural expression redirects towards community purpose, and people begin to locate themselves as members of a larger group.^{[72][43]}

The authors say the previous Fourth Turning in the US began with the [73]Wall Street Crash of 1929 and climaxed with the end of [74]World War II. The G.I. Generation (which they call a Hero archetype, born 1901 to 1924) came of age during this era. They say their confidence, optimism, and collective outlook epitomized the mood of that era.^{[75][44]} The authors assert the Millennial Generation (which they also describe as a Hero archetype, born 1982 to 2004) show many similar traits to those of the G.I. youth, which they describe as including: rising civic engagement, improving behavior, and collective confidence.^{[76][45]}

Cycle

The authors describe each turning as lasting about 20–22 years. Four turnings make up a full cycle of about 80 to 90 years,^{[77][46]} which the authors term a [78]*saeculum*, after the Latin word meaning both "a long human life" and "a natural century".^{[79][47]}

Generational change drives the cycle of turnings and determines its [80]periodicity. As each generation ages into the next life phase (and a new social role) society's mood and behavior fundamentally changes, giving rise to a new turning. Therefore, a [81]symbiotic relationship exists between historical events and generational personas. Historical events

shape generations in childhood and young adulthood; then, as parents and leaders in midlife and old age, generations in turn shape history.^{[82][48]}

Each of the four turnings has a distinct mood that recurs every saeculum. Strauss and Howe describe these turnings as the "seasons of history". At one extreme is the Awakening, which is analogous to summer, and at the other extreme is the Crisis, which is analogous to winter. The turnings in between are transitional seasons, the High and the Unraveling are similar to spring and autumn, respectively.^{[83][49]} Strauss and Howe have discussed 26 theorized turnings over 7 saecula in Anglo-American history, from the year 1435 through today.

At the heart of Strauss & Howe's ideas is a basic alternation between two different types of eras, Crises and Awakenings. Both of these are defining eras in which people observe that historic events are radically altering their social environment.^{[84][50]} Crises are periods marked by major secular upheaval, when society focuses on reorganizing the outer world of institutions and public behavior (they say the last American Crisis was the period spanning the ^[85]Great Depression and ^[86]World War II). Awakenings are periods marked by cultural or religious renewal, when society focuses on changing the inner world of values and private behavior (the last American Awakening was the "Consciousness Revolution" of the 1960s and 1970s).^{[87][51]}

During Crises, great peril provokes a societal consensus, an ethic of personal sacrifice, and strong institutional order. During Awakenings, an ethic of individualism emerges, and the institutional order is attacked by new social ideals and spiritual agendas.^{[88][52]} According to the authors, about every eighty to ninety years—the length of a long human life—a national Crisis occurs in American society. Roughly halfway to the next Crisis, a cultural Awakening occurs (historically, these have often been called ^[89]Great Awakenings).^{[90][51]}

In describing this cycle of Crises and Awakenings, they draw from the work of other historians and social scientists who have also discussed long cycles in American and ^[91]European history. The cycle of Crises corresponds with long cycles of war identified by such scholars as ^[92]Arnold J. Toynbee, ^[93]Quincy Wright, and L. L. Ferrar Jr., and with geopolitical cycles identified by William R. Thompson and ^[94]George Modelski.^{[95][53]} Strauss and Howe say their cycle of Awakenings corresponds with ^[96]Anthony Wallace's work on ^[97]revitalization movements;^{[98][54]} they also say recurring Crises and Awakenings correspond with two-stroke cycles in politics (^[99]Walter Dean Burnham, ^[100]Arthur Schlesinger Sr. and ^[101]Jr.), foreign affairs (^[102]Frank L. Klingberg), and the economy (^[102]Nikolai Kondratieff) as well as with long-term oscillations in crime and substance abuse.^{[103][55]}

Archetypes

The authors say two different types of eras and two formative age locations associated with them (childhood and young adulthood) produce four generational ^[104]archetypes that repeat sequentially, in rhythm with the cycle of Crises and Awakenings. In *Generations*, they refer to these four archetypes as *Idealist*, *Reactive*, *Civic*, and *Adaptive*.^{[105][56]} In *The Fourth Turning* (1997) they change this terminology to *Prophet*, *Nomad*, *Hero*, and *Artist*.^{[106][57]} They say the generations in each archetype not only share a similar age-location in history, they also share some basic attitudes towards family, risk, culture and values, and civic engagement. In essence, generations shaped by similar early-life experiences develop similar collective personas and follow similar life-trajectories.^{[107][58]} To date, Strauss and Howe have described 25 generations in Anglo-American history, each with a corresponding archetype. The authors describe the archetypes as follows:

Prophet



[108]

[109]Abraham Lincoln, born in 1809. Strauss and Howe would identify him as a member of the Transcendental generation.

Prophet (Idealist) generations enter childhood *during a High*, a time of rejuvenated community life and consensus around a new societal order. Prophets grow up as the increasingly indulged children of this post-Crisis era, come of age as self-absorbed young crusaders of an Awakening, focus on morals and principles in midlife, and emerge as elders guiding another Crisis.^{[110][59]} Examples: [111]Transcendental Generation, [112]Missionary Generation, [113]Baby Boomers.

Nomad

Nomad (Reactive) generations enter childhood *during an Awakening*, a time of social ideals and spiritual agendas, when young adults are passionately attacking the established institutional order. Nomads grow up as under-protected children during this Awakening, come of age as [114]alienated, post-Awakening young adults, become pragmatic midlife leaders during a Crisis, and age into resilient post-Crisis elders.^{[115][59]} Examples: [116]Gilded Generation, [117]Lost Generation, [118]Generation X

Hero



[119]

Young adults fighting in [120]World War II were born in the early part of the 20th century, like [121]PT109 commander LTJG [122]John F. Kennedy (b. 1917). They are part of the [123]G.I. Generation, which follows the Hero archetype.

Hero (Civic) generations enter childhood *after an Awakening, during an Unraveling*, a time of individual pragmatism, self-reliance, and laissez-faire. Heroes grow up as increasingly protected post-Awakening children, come of age as team-oriented young optimists during a Crisis, emerge as energetic, overly-confident midlifers, and age into politically powerful elders attacked by another Awakening.^{[124][59]} Examples: [125]Republican Generation, [126]G.I. Generation, [127]Millennials

Artist

Artist (Adaptive) generations enter childhood *after an Unraveling, during a Crisis*, a time when great dangers cut down social and political complexity in favor of public consensus, aggressive institutions, and an ethic of personal sacrifice. Artists grow up overprotected by adults preoccupied with the Crisis, come of age as the socialized and conformist young adults of a post-Crisis world, break out as process-oriented midlife leaders during an Awakening, and age into thoughtful post-Awakening elders.^{[128][59]} Examples: [129]Progressive Generation, [130]Silent Generation, [131]Generation Z

Summary

- An average life is 80 years, and consists of four periods of 20–22 years
 - Childhood → Young adult → Midlife → Elderhood
- A generation is an aggregate of people born every 20–22 years
 - Baby Boomers → Gen X → Millennials → Homelanders
- Each generation experiences "four turnings" every 80–90 years
 - High → Awakening → Unraveling → Crisis
- A generation is considered "dominant" or "recessive" according to the turning experienced as young adults. But as a youth generation comes of age and defines its collective persona an opposing generational archetype is in its midlife peak of power.
 - Dominant: independent behavior + attitudes in defining an era
 - Recessive: dependent role in defining an era
- Dominant Generations
 - Prophet: Awakening as young adults. Awakening, defined: Institutions are attacked in the name of personal and spiritual autonomy
 - Hero: Crisis as young adults. Crisis, defined: Institutional life is destroyed and rebuilt in response to a perceived threat to the nation's survival
- Recessive Generations
 - Nomad: Unraveling as young adults. Unraveling, defined: Institutions are weak and distrusted, individualism is strong and flourishing
 - Artist: High [when they become] young adults. High, defined: Institutions are strong and individualism is weak

Generations

Late Medieval Saeculum

Arthurian Generation

The *Arthurian Generation* was born between 1433 and 1460 and is of the hero archetype. Members of the generation grew up during England's retreat from France, during an era of rising civil unrest.^{[132][60]}

Humanist Generation

The *Humanist Generation* was born between 1461 and 1482 and is of the artist/adaptive archetype.

This [133]generation came of age at the height of the [134]Middle Ages, just prior to the [135]Reformation and [136]Renaissance. For the educated classes life was fairly static, with [137]Renaissance Humanist teaching and a clear career path through the [138]church or State bureaucracy becoming increasingly available for the educated [139]middle classes. [140]Humanist influences took hold across [141]Europe, and in many ways prepared the intellectual landscape for the coming [142]reformation. Their youth coincided with the development of the [143]European [144]Printing press allowing a greater dissemination of knowledge.^{[145][61]}

According to Strauss and Howe, those who constituted this generation had a sheltered childhood during a bloody civil war and were educated abroad, becoming [146]Greek language tutors, international scholars, poets, prelates, and literate merchants and [147]yeomen.^{[148][62]} The education produced by the humanist generation has been described as focused on the qualitative and the subjective, rather than the quantitative and the objective.^{[149][63]}

Some of the notable persons who influenced this generation include [150]Thomas More, [151]Erasmus, [152]Thomas Linacre, [153]John Colet, [154]Cardinal Wolsey, [155]Michelangelo, [156]Copernicus, [157]Francisco Pizarro and [158]Cesare Borgia. [159]King Edward V was also born into this generation, but as he died at only 15 years old, it is difficult to properly place him in this archetype. However, according to the historian [160]Dominic Mancini Edward was very fascinated with science and philosophy, and was very well learned beyond his years.^{[161][64]}

Reformation Saeculum

Reformation Generation



[162]
Sir Thomas More (1527) by [163]Hans Holbein the Younger

The *Reformation Generation* generation was born between 1483 and 1511 and is of the prophet archetype. This generation rebelled as youths, prompting the first colleges in the 1520s.^{[164][65]}

Reprisal Generation

The *Reprisal Generation* was born between 1512 and 1540 and is of the nomad/reactive archetype. "They spent their [165]childhood amid religious frenzy and a widespread erosion of social authority—and came of age in a cynical, post-Awakening era of cut-throat politics and roller-coaster markets."^{[166][66]} They crewed the ships during the wars of the [167]Spanish Armada and saw the expansion of British territories and [168]colonisation in the [169]New World overseas.^{[170][67][171][68]} Notable people in this generation include [172]Elizabeth I, [173]Catherine de Medici, [174]Francis Drake, John Hawkins, [175]Thomas Gresham, [176]William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, [177]Francis Walsingham, [178]Michel de Montaigne, [179]Walter Raleigh, Nicholas Fuller, and [180]Edward Coke.

Elizabethan Generation

The *Elizabethan Generation* was born between 1541 and 1565 and is of the hero archetype. They benefited as children from an explosive growth in academies intended to transform them into perfect people of civic achievement and teamwork. They came to age during the Anglo-Spanish War (1585-1604). They regulated commerce, explored overseas empires, built [181]English country houses, pursued science, and wrote poetry that celebrated an orderly universe.^{[182][69]}

Parliamentary Generation

The *Parliamentary Generation* was born from 1566 and 1587 and are of the artist archetype. Their childhoods took place during an era of foreign threats and war. They built impeccable credentials in law, scholarship, religion, and arts and crafts guilds.^{[183][70]}

New World Saeculum

Puritan Generation

The *Puritan Generation* was born from 1588 and 1617 and is of the prophet archetype. Members of the generation were led through the [184]Wars of the Three Kingdoms (1639-1651) by [185]King Charles I and others led a large migration to the United States. The generation was very religious.^{[186][71]}

Cavalier Generation

See also: [187]Cavalier § Social perceptions

The *Cavalier Generation* was born from 1618 to 1647 and were of the nomad archetype. Members of this generation grew up in an era of religious upheaval and family collapse. Their generation was notoriously violent and uneducated, causing men to take great risks, resulting in many young deaths.^{[188][72]}

Glorious Generation

The *Glorious Generation* was born from 1648 to 1673 and were of the hero archetype. They had a protected childhood with tax-supported schools and new laws discouraging the kidnapping of young servants. After proving their worth in the [189]Indian Wars and triumphing in the [190]Glorious Revolution, they were rewarded with electoral office at a young age. As young adults, they took pride in the growing political, commercial, and scientific achievements of England. They designed insurance, paper money, and public works.^{[191][73]}

Enlightenment Generation

The *Enlightenment Generation* was born between 1674 and 1700. They grew up as protected children when families were close, youth risk discouraged, and good educations and well-connected marriages highly prized. As adults they provided America's first large cadre of credentialed professionals, political managers, and [192]plantation administrators.^{[193][74]}

Revolutionary Saeculum

Awakening Generation

The *Awakening Generation* was born between 1701 and 1723 and was of the prophet archetype. They were the first colonial generation to consist mostly of the offspring of native-born parents. As adults they attacked their elders' moral complacency in a spiritual firestorm.^{[194][75]}

Liberty Generation



[195]

Portrait of George Washington

The Liberty Generation (nomad archetype) was born between 1724 and 1741. Notable members include [196]King George III, Czarina [197]Catherine the Great, [198]George Washington, [199]Giacomo Casanova, [200]Paul Revere, [201]Thomas Paine, and [202]Daniel Boone.

Republican Generation

The *Republican Generation* was born between 1742 and 1766. This generation is known for participating in several global revolutionary movements during the [203]Age of Revolution. This generation witnessed political turmoil in response to growing [204]British imperialism, and the vast [205]social inequalities exacerbated by ruthless competition between European [206]Monarchists.

They came of age during British imperialism and during a time when the viability of [207]mercantilism was being questioned. Relying on [208]Enlightenment philosophy, they unleashed violent episodes of revolution, vilified Monarchy, and promoted [209]Republicanism. In [210]colonial America, they participated in the [211]American Revolutionary War, secured Independence from British rule, and established a [212]libertarian system of governance, based on [213]constitutional republicanism and [214]representative democracy. Notable persons affiliated with this generation include [215]Thomas Jefferson, [216]James Madison, [217]Maximilien Robespierre, and [218]Camille Desmoulins.

Compromise Generation

The *Compromise Generation* was born between 1767 and 1791 and were of the artist archetype. They "rocked in the cradle of the Revolution" as they watched brave adults struggle and triumph.^{[219][76]}

Civil War Saeculum

Transcendental Generation

The *Transcendental Generation* was born between 1792 and 1821 and were of the prophet archetype. They started the [220]Second Great Awakening across the United States.^{[221][77]} Members of this generation include [222]Abraham Lincoln, [223]Joseph Smith, [224]Henry David Thoreau, and [225]William Lloyd Garrison

Gilded Generation



[226]

New York police violently attacking unemployed workers in Tompkins Square Park, 1874.

See also: [227]Gilded Age

The *Gilded Generation* was born from 1822 to 1842. They came of age amid rising national tempers, torrential immigration, rampant [228]commercialism, conspicuous [229]consumerism, declining college enrollment and economic disputes. This led to a distrust of zealotry and institutional involvement, shifting focus to a life of [230]materialism. As young adults, many pursued fortunes in [231]boomtowns of the [232]American frontier. Members of this generation were also of age by the time the [233]American Civil War began in 1861. Some of the notable persons who influenced this generation include [234]Mark Twain, [235]J. P. Morgan, [236]Jay Gould, [237]John D. Rockefeller, [238]Ulysses S. Grant, [239]Louisa May Alcott, [240]Johannes Brahms, and [241]Lewis Carroll.

Progressive Generation

The *Progressive Generation* was born from 1843 to 1859 and grew up during the [242]American Civil War.

Great Power Saeculum

Missionary Generation



[243]

Suffragists marching in New York, 1915. Social Crusades were a defining feature.

The *Missionary Generation* was born from 1860 to 1882 and is of the prophet/idealist archetype. Members of the Missionary Generation have been described as the "home-and-hearth children of the post-[244]Civil War era". They were an idealist generation and as young adults, their leaders were the first graduates of newly formed black and women's colleges. They rejected the strict [245]Victorian values, questioned [246]gender roles and feared society would become soulless, inhumane, and money-driven.[247][78] Their defining characteristics were missionary and social crusades, "[248]Muckraker" [249]journalism, [250]prohibitionism, [251]workers' rights, [252]trade unionism and [253]women's suffrage.[254][79] In midlife, they developed [255]Prohibition in the United States, [256]immigration control, and organized [257]vice squads.

Because the [258]Lost Generation were so decimated by [259]World War I, the leadership of the Missionary Generation lasted longer than previous generations and in the 1930s and 1940s, their elite became the "Wise Old Men" who enacted a "[260]New Deal", Social Security, led the global war against [261]fascism, and reaffirmed America's highest ideals during a transformative era in world history. This generation is fully ancestral, with the last known member of the Missionary Generation, the American [262]Sarah Knauss, having died on December 30, 1999 at 119 years of age.

Sociologist [263]Naomi Schaefer Riley believes that a new "Missionary Generation" is forming in the children of the 2010s.[264][80]

Notable people in this generation include [265]Konrad Adenauer, [266]Roald Amundsen, [267]Warwick Armstrong, [268]Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, [269]Stanley Baldwin, [270]Alben W. Barkley, [271]Béla Bartók, [272]Gustav Bauer, [273]R. B. Bennett, [274]Steve Bloomer, [275]William Jennings Bryan, Tommy Burns, [276]Edgar Rice Burroughs, [277]Willis Carrier, [278]Enrico Caruso, [279]Pablo Casals, [280]Neville Chamberlain, [281]Anton Chekhov, [282]Winston Churchill, [283]Gordon Coates, [284]Joseph Cook, [285]Calvin Coolidge, [286]James J. Corbett, [287]Madame Curie, [288]Charles Curtis, [289]Dwight F. Davis, [290]Charles G. Dawes, [291]Claude Debussy, [292]Gaston Doumergue, [293]W.E.B. DuBois, [294]Albert Einstein, [295]Andrew Fisher, [296]Edwin Flack, George Forbes, [297]C. B. Fry, [298]Mahatma Gandhi, [299]John Nance Garner, [300]David Lloyd George, [301]W.C. Handy, [302]Warren Harding, [303]George Hirst, [304]Herbert Hoover, [305]Billy Hughes, [306]Charles Evans Hughes, [307]Jimmy Hunter, [308]James J. Jeffries, Jack Johnson, [309]James Joyce, [310]Carl Jung, [311]William Lyon Mackenzie King, [312]Rudyard Kipling, [313]Fritz Kreisler, [314]Albert Lebrun, [315]Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, [316]Norman Lindsay, [317]Joseph Lyons, [318]Douglas MacArthur, [319]Ramsay MacDonald, [320]Archie MacLaren, [321]Gustav Mahler, [322]Thomas Mann, [323]Guglielmo Marconi, [324]Arnaud Massy, [325]Henri Matisse, [326]John McGraw, [327]Chris McKivat, [328]Arthur Meighen, [329]Nellie Melba, [330]A.A. Milne, [331]Pierre Monteux, [332]Elisabeth Moore, [333]Dave Nourse, [334]Earle Page, [335]Franz von Papen, [336]Pablo Picasso, [337]Raymond Poincaré, [338]Beatrix Potter, [339]Maurice Ravel, [340]Ernest Renshaw, [341]William Renshaw, [342]Wilfred Rhodes, [343]Franklin D. Roosevelt, [344]Ernest Rutherford, [345]Michael Joseph Savage, [346]Philipp Scheidemann, [347]Albert Schweitzer, [348]James Scullin, [349]Georges Seurat, [350]Jean Sibelius, [351]Upton Sinclair, Alex Smith, [352]Joseph Stalin, [353]Igor Stravinsky, [354]Arturo Toscanini, [355]Leon Trotsky, [356]Victor Trumper, [357]Nikolai Vavilov, [358]Chris Watson, [359]Billy Wedlock, [360]H.G. Wells, [361]Jess Willard, [362]Joseph Wirth, [363]Vivian Woodward, [364]William Butler Yeats, and [365]Cy Young.

Lost Generation

Main article: [366]Lost Generation

The *Lost Generation* is the generation that came of age during [367]World War I. "Lost" in this context also means "disoriented, wandering, directionless"—a recognition that there was great confusion and aimlessness among the war's survivors in the early post-war years." Members of this generation include [368]Dwight Eisenhower, [369]Ernest Hemingway, [370]Al Capone, [371]F. Scott Fitzgerald, [372]T.S. Eliot, [373]Charles Ponzi, [374]Adolf Hitler, [375]Mao Zedong, and [376]Norma Talmadge.

G.I. Generation

Main article: [377]Greatest Generation



[378] U.S. Navy veteran Ruth Harden sings as "[379]Anchors Aweigh" is played during the dedication ceremony of the World War II memorial at [380]Legislative Hall in Dover, Delaware, November 9, 2013.

The *Greatest Generation*, also known as the *G.I. Generation* and the *World War II generation*, is the [381]demographic cohort following the [382]Lost Generation and preceding the [383]Silent Generation. The cohort is defined as individuals born between 1901 and 1924. They were shaped by the [384]Great Depression and were the primary participants

in [385]World War II. Notable political figures of this generation include [386]John F. Kennedy, [387]Hirohito, and [388]Chiang Ching-kuo.

Silent Generation

Main article: [389]Silent Generation

The *Silent Generation* is the demographic cohort following the [390]Greatest Generation and preceding the [391]baby boomers. Strauss and Howe define the cohort as individuals born between 1925 and 1942. They became teenagers and adults during the postwar expansion that followed after World War II. They are considered to have been very economically well off and instrumental in 1950s culture. Notable political figures of this generation include [392]Akihito, [393]Michel Aoun, [394]Silvio Berlusconi, [395]Joe Biden, [396]Fernando Henrique Cardoso, [397]Jacques Chirac, [398]Chun Doo-hwan, [399]Michael Dukakis, [400]Itamar Franco, [401]Michael D. Higgins, and [402]Walter Mondale. Most of the architects who won the [403]Pritzker Architecture Prize, including [404]Frank Gehry and [405]Robert Venturi, came from this generation as well.

Millennial Saeculum

Baby Boom Generation

Main article: [406]Baby boomers

Strauss and Howe define the *Baby Boom Generation* as those born from 1943 to 1960. The members of this generation came into adulthood as critics of the [407]Civil Rights Movement, the [408]Vietnam War, and the rise of [409]neoliberalism, but were mostly responsible for presiding over the upheaval that followed the [410]Great Recession. Notable heads of state and government from this generation include [411]Shinzo Abe, [412]Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, [413]Jair Bolsonaro, [414]George W. Bush, [415]Bill Clinton, [416]Rodrigo Duterte, [417]Xi Jinping, [418]Alexander Lukashenko, [419]Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, [420]Theresa May, [421]Narendra Modi, [422]Evo Morales, [423]Benjamin Netanyahu, [424]Vladimir Putin, [425]Cyril Ramaphosa, [426]Dilma Rousseff, and [427]Donald Trump. Other members include [428]Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, [429]Yasushi Akimoto, [430]Pat Benatar, [431]Gary Bettman, Madonna, [432]Bill Gates, [433]Steve Jobs, [434]Magic Johnson, [435]Rob Manfred, [436]Bobby Orr, [437]Vince McMahon, [438]Carlos Slim, and [439]Bill Walton.

13th Generation

Main article: [440]Generation X

Strauss and Howe define the *13th Generation* as those born from 1961 to 1981. The members of this generation came into adulthood during the [441]fall of communism in the late 1980s that led to the collapses of the [442]Soviet Union and [443]Yugoslavia during the early 1990s, which ushered in neoliberalism, and became prominent figures in the aftermath of the Great Recession. The measures that were taken to address the recession led to numerous anti-globalization movements like the [444]tea party movement, the [445]Arab Spring, and the [446]yellow vests movement, which would result in the rise of authoritarian populism and fascism during the 2010s. Notable political figures from this generation include [447]Jeanine Áñez, [448]Jacinda Ardern, [449]Zuzana Čaputová, [450]Boris Johnson, [451]Julia Gillard, [452]Nicola Sturgeon, [453]Scott Morrison, [454]Mia Mottley, [455]Barack Obama, [456]Petro Poroshenko, and [457]Justin Trudeau. Other known members of this generation include [458]Akon, [459]Tom Brady, [460]Kobe Bryant, [461]Martin Brodeur, [462]Mike D, [463]Brett Favre, [464]Wayne Gretzky, [465]Savannah Guthrie, [466]Stephen Hillenborg, [467]Whitney Houston, [468]Jarome Iginla, [469]Jay-Z, [470]Janet Jackson, [471]Angelina Jolie, [472]Michael Jordan, [473]Mario Lemieux, [474]David Muir, [475]Norah O'Donnell, [476]Terrell Owens, [477]Julia Roberts, [478]Deion Sanders, Dan Schneider, and [479]Gwen Stefani.

Millennial Generation

Main article: [480]Millennials

Strauss and Howe define the *Millennial Generation* as those born from 1982 to 2004. The exact dates for this generation may be affected by current and future historical events.

Homeland Generation

Main article: [481]Generation Z

Strauss and Howe define the Homeland Generation as those born from 2005 to present. The exact dates for this generation may be affected by current and future historical events.

Timing of generations and turnings

The authors argue that the basic length of both generations and turnings—about twenty years—derives from long-standing socially and biologically determined phases of life.^[482]^[who?] This is the reason it has remained relatively constant over centuries.^[483]^[81] Some have argued that rapid increases in technology in recent decades are shortening the length of a generation.^[484]^[82] According to Strauss and Howe, however, this is not the case. As long as the transition to adulthood occurs around age 20, the transition to midlife around age 40, and the transition to old age around age 60, they say the basic length of both generations and turnings will remain the same.^[485]^[81]

In their book, *The Fourth Turning*, however, Strauss and Howe say that the precise boundaries of generations and turnings are erratic. The generational rhythm is not like certain simple, [486]inorganic cycles in [487]physics or [488]astronomy, where time and periodicity can be predicted to the second. Instead, it resembles the complex, [489]organic cycles of biology, where basic intervals endure but precise timing is difficult to predict. Strauss and Howe compare the saecular rhythm to the four seasons, which they say similarly occur in the same order, but with slightly varying timing. Just as winter may come sooner or later, and be more or less severe in any given year, the same is true of a Fourth Turning in any given saeculum.^[490]^[83]

Generation	Birth Year	Span	Entered childhood in a	Turning Year	Span
Late Medieval Saeculum	Arthurian Generation	Hero (Civic)	1433–1460	(28)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: [491]Retreat from France
1435–1459	(24)	[492] ^[a] [493]Humanist Generation	Artist (Adaptive)	1461–1482	(22)
4th Turning: Crisis: [494]War of the Roses	1459–1497	(38)	Reformation Saeculum	(97 years)	[495]Reformation
Generation	Prophet (Idealist)	1483–1511	(28)	1st Turning: High: [496]Tudor Renaissance	1497–1517
(20)	[497]Reprisal	Generation	Nomad (Reactive)	1512–1540	(29)
2nd Turning: Awakening: [498]Protestant Reformation	1517–1542	(25)	Elizabethan Generation	Hero (Civic)	1541–1565
(24)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: [499]Reaction & [500]Marian Restoration	1542–1569	(27)	Parliamentary Generation	Artist (Adaptive)
1566–1587	(22)	4th Turning: Crisis: [501]Armada Crisis	1569–1594	(25)	New World Saeculum
(110 years)	Puritan Generation	Prophet (Idealist)	1588–1617	(30)	1st Turning: High: [502]Merrie England
1594–1621	(27)	Cavalier Generation	Nomad (Reactive)	1618–1647	(30)
2nd Turning: Awakening: [503]Puritan Awakening	1621–1649	(26)	Glorious Generation	Hero (Civic)	1648–1673
(26)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: Restoration	1649–1675	(26)	Enlightenment Generation	Artist (Adaptive)
1674–1700	(27)	4th Turning: Crisis: [504]Glorious Revolution	1675–1704	(29)	Revolutionary Saeculum
(90 years)	Awakening	Generation	Prophet (Idealist)	1701–1723	(23)
1st Turning: High: [505]Augustan Age of Empire	1704–1727	(23)	[506]Liberty Generation	Nomad (Reactive)	1724–1741
(18)	2nd Turning: Awakening: [507]Great Awakening	1727–1746	(19)	[508]Republican Generation	Hero (Civic)
1742–1766	(25)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: [509]Seven Years' War	[510]French and Indian War	1746–1773	(27)
Compromise Generation	Artist (Adaptive)	1767–1791	(23)	4th Turning: Crisis: [511]American Revolution	1773–1794
(21)	Civil War Saeculum	(71 years)	Transcendental Generation	Prophet (Idealist)	1792–1821
(28)	1st Turning: High: [512]Era of Good Feelings	1794–1822	(28)	Gilded Generation	Nomad (Reactive)
1822–1842	(21)	2nd Turning: Awakening: [513]Transcendental Awakening	1822–1844	(22)	N/A ^[514] ^[b] Hero (Civic)
1842–1843	(1)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: [515]Mexican–American War, [516]Sectionalism	1844–1860	(16)	[517]Progressive Generation
Artist (Adaptive)	1843–1859	(17)	4th Turning: Crisis: [518]Civil War	1860–1865	(5)
Great Power Saeculum	(81 years)	[519]Missionary Generation	Prophet (Idealist)	1860–1882	(23)
1st Turning: High: [520]Reconstruction, [521]Gilded Age	1865–1886	(21)	[522]Lost Generation	Nomad (Reactive)	1883–1900
(18)	2nd Turning: Awakening: [523]Missionary Awakening/[524]Progressive Era	1886–1908	(22)	[525]G.I. Generation	Hero (Civic)
1901–1924	(24)	3rd Turning: Unraveling: [526]World War I, [527]Roaring Twenties, [528]Prohibition	1908–1929	(21)	[529]Silent Generation
Artist (Adaptive)	1925–1942	(18)	4th Turning: Crisis: [530]Great Depression, [531]World War II	1929–1946	(17)
Millennial Saeculum	(				

74 + years) [532]Baby Boom GenerationProphet (Idealist)1943–1960 (18)^{[533][84]}1st Turning: High: [534]American High1946–1964 (18) [535]13th Generation (Generation X)^{[536][c]}Nomad (Reactive)1961–1981 (21)2nd Turning: Awakening: [537]Consciousness Revolution, [538]Fourth Great Awakening1964–1984 (20) [539]Millennial Generation (Generation Y)^{[540][d]}Hero (Civic)1982–2004 (23)3rd Turning: Unraveling: [541]Neoliberalism/[542]Culture Wars1984–2008 (24) [543]Homeland Generation (Generation Z)^{[544][e]}Artist (Adaptive)2005–present (age

15)4th Turning: Crisis: [545]Great Recession, [546]War on Terror,^{[547][f]} [548]COVID-19 pandemic and [549]recession^{[550][86]}2008–

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1. *Generations* and *The Fourth Turning* were published before the September 11 attacks, and some believe that this event was the catalyst of the Fourth Turning. However, Neil Howe identifies the [551]Great Recession of 2008 as the catalyst.

Critical reception

The Strauss and Howe retelling of history through a generational lens has received mixed reviews. Many reviewers have praised the authors for their ambition, [552]erudition and accessibility. For ex., former U.S. Vice President [553]Al Gore, who graduated from [554]Harvard University with Mr. Strauss, called *Generations: The History of America's Future, 1584 to 2069* the most stimulating book on American history he'd ever read. He even sent a copy to each member of Congress.^{[555][8]} The theory has been influential in the fields of generational studies, marketing, and business management literature. However, it has also been criticized by several historians and some political scientists and journalists, as being overly-[556]deterministic, non-falsifiable, and unsupported by rigorous evidence.^{[557][4][558][5][559][6]}

Generations: The History of America's Future, 1584 to 2069

After the publication of their first book *Generations*, Martin Keller a professor of history at Brandeis University, said that the authors "had done their homework". He said that their theory could be seen as pop-sociology and that it would "come in for a lot more criticism as history. But it's almost always true that the broader you cast your net, the more holes it's going to have. And I admire [the authors'] boldness."^{[560][87]} Sociologist [561]David Riesman and political scientist [562]Richard Neustadt offered strong, if qualified, praise. Riesman found in the work an "impressive grasp of a great many theoretical and historical bits and pieces" and Neustadt said Strauss and Howe "are asking damned important questions, and I honor them."^{[563][5]}[564]The Times Literary Supplement called it "fascinating" and "about as vague and plausible as astrological predictions".^{[565][15]} [566]*Publishers Weekly* called it "as woolly as a newspaper [567]horoscope".^{[568][8][569][14]}

In 1991, [570]Jonathan Alter wrote in [571]*Newsweek* that *Generations* was a "provocative, erudite and engaging analysis of the rhythms of American life". However, he believed it was also "an elaborate historical horoscope that will never withstand scholarly scrutiny." He continued, "these sequential 'peer personalities' are often silly, but the book provides reams of fresh evidence that American history is indeed cyclical, as [572]Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and others have long argued." But he complained, "The generational boundaries are plainly arbitrary. The authors lump together everyone born from 1943 through the end of 1960 (Baby Boomers), a group whose two extremes have little in common. And the predictions are facile and reckless." He concluded: "However fun and informative, the truth about generational generalizations is that they're generally unsatisfactory."^{[573][13]} Arthur E. Levine, a former president of the Teachers College of [574]Columbia University said "Generational images are stereotypes. There are

some differences that stand out, but there are more similarities between students of the past and the present. But if you wrote a book saying that, how interesting would it be?"^{[575][8]}

In response to criticism that they stereotype or generalize all members of a generation the authors have said, "We've never tried to say that any individual generation is going to be monochromatic. It'll obviously include all kinds of people. But as you look at generations as social units, we consider it to be at least as powerful and, in our view, far more powerful than other social groupings such as economic class, race, sex, religion and political parties."^{[576][17]}

Gerald Pershall wrote in 1991: "*Generations* is guaranteed to attract pop history and pop social science buffs. Among professional historians, it faces a tougher sell. Period specialists will resist the idea that their period is akin to several others. Sweeping theories of history are long out of fashion in the halls of ivy, and the authors' lack of academic standing won't help their cause. Their generational quartet is "just too wooden" and "too neat," says one Yale historian. "Prediction is for prophets," scoffed William McLoughlin (a former history professor at Brown), who said it is wrong to think that "if you put enough data together and have enough charts and graphs, you've made history into a science." He also said the book might get a friendlier reception in sociology and political science departments than the science department."^{[577][5]}

In 1991, professor and *New York Times* writer Jay Dolan critiqued *Generations* for not talking more about class, race and sex, to which Neil Howe replied that they "are probably generalizations not even as effective as a generation to say something about how people think and behave. One of the things to understand is that most historians never look at history in terms of generations. They prefer to tell history as a seamless row of 55-year-old leaders who always tend to think and behave the same way – but they don't and they never have. If you look at the way America's 55-year-old leaders were acting in the 1960s – you know, the ebullience and confidence of the JFKs and LBJs and Hubert Humphreys – and compare them with today's leaders in Congress – the indecision, the lack of sure-footedness – I think you would have to agree that 55-year-olds do not always act the same way and you're dealing with powerful generational forces at work that explain why one generation of war veterans, war heroes, and another generation which came of age in very different circumstances tend to have very different instincts about acting in the world."^{[578][17]}

Responding to criticisms in 1991, William Strauss accepted that some historians might not like their theory, which they presented as a new ^[579]paradigm for looking at American history, that filled a need for a unifying vision of American history:

People are looking for a new way to connect themselves to the larger story of America. That is the problem. We've felt adrift over the past 10 years, and we think that the way history has been presented over the past couple of decades has been more in terms of the little pieces and people are not as interested in the little pieces now. They're looking for a unifying vision. We haven't had unifying visions of the story of America for decades now, and we're trying to provide it in this book. The kinds of historians who are drawn to our book – and I'm sure it will be very controversial among academics because we are presenting something that is so new – but the kinds who are drawn to it are the ones who themselves have focused on the human life cycle rather than just the sequential series of events. Some good examples of that are Morton Keller up at Brandeis and ^[580]David Hackett Fischer. These are people who have noticed the power in not just generations, but the shifts that have happened over time in the way Americans have treated children and older people and have tried to link that to the broader currents of history.^{[581][17]}

The Fourth Turning

In his review for the ^[582]*Boston Globe*, historian ^[583]David Kaiser called *The Fourth Turning* "a provocative and immensely entertaining outline of American history, Strauss and Howe have taken a gamble". "If the United States calmly makes it to 2015, their work will end up in the ashcan of history, but if they are right, they will take their place among the great American prophets."^{[584][88]} Kaiser has since argued that Strauss and Howe's predictions of coming crisis seems to have occurred, citing events such as 9/11,^{[585][89]} the 2008 financial crisis,^{[586][90]} and the recent political gridlock.^{[587][91]}

Kaiser has incorporated Strauss and Howe's theory in two historical works of his own, *American Tragedy: Kennedy, Johnson, and the Origins of the Vietnam War* (2000), and *No End Save Victory: How FDR Led the Nation into War* (2014).^{[588][92][589][93]} ^[590]Michael Lind, a historian and co-founder of the ^[591]New America Foundation, wrote that *The Fourth Turning* (1997) was vague and verged into the realm of "^[592]pseudoscience"; "most of the authors' predictions about the American future turn out to be as vague as those of fortune cookies".^{[593][6][594][94]} Lind said that the theory is essentially "^[595]non-falsifiable" and "mystifying," although he believed the authors did have some insights into modern American history.

For ^[596]*The New York Times* in 2017, Pulitzer-winning journalist Jeremy Peters wrote that "many academic historians dismiss the book as about as scientific as astrology or a Nostradamus text."^{[597][9]}

Sean Wilentz, an American history professor at Princeton University, said, "'It's just a conceit. It's a fiction, it's all made up,' Wilentz said about cyclical historical models. 'There's nothing to them. They're just inventions.'"^{[598][94]}

13th Gen

In 1993, Andrew Leonard reviewed the book *13th Gen: Abort, Retry, Ignore, Fail?*. He wrote "as the authors (Strauss and Howe) relentlessly attack the iniquitous 'child-abusive culture' of the 1960s and '70s and exult in heaping insult after insult on their own generation – they caricature Baby Boomers as countercultural, long-haired, sex-obsessed hedonists – their real agenda begins to surface. That agenda becomes clear in part of their wish list for how the 13th generation may influence the future: "13ers will reverse the frenzied and centrifugal cultural directions of their younger years. They will clean up entertainment, de-diversify the culture, reinvent core symbols of national unity, reaffirm rituals of family and neighborhood bonding, and re-erect barriers to cushion communities from unwanted upheaval."^{[599][95]}

Again in 1993, writing for ^[600]*The Globe and Mail*, Jim Cormier reviewed the same book: "self-described boomers Howe and Strauss add no profound layer of analysis to previous pop press observations. But in cobbling together a more extensive overview of the problems and concerns of the group they call the 13ers, they've created a valuable primer for other fogies who are feeling seriously out of touch." Cormier wrote that the authors "raised as many new questions as answers about the generation that doesn't want to be a generation. But at least they've made an honest, empathetic and good-humoured effort to bridge the bitter gap between the twentysomethings and fortysomethings."^{[601][96]}

In 1993, Charles Laurence at the *London Daily Telegraph* wrote that, in *13th Gen*, Strauss and Howe offered this youth generation "a relatively neutral definition as the 13th American generation from the Founding Fathers,".^{[602][97]} According to Alexander Ferron's review in *Eye Magazine*, "*13th Gen* is best read as the work of two top-level historians. While its agenda is the 13th generation, it can also be seen as an incredibly well-written and exhaustive history of America from 1960 to 1981—examining the era through everything except the traditional historical subjects (war, politics, famine, etc)."^{[603][98]}

In 2011, Jon D. Miller, at the Longitudinal Study of American Youth, funded by the ^[604]National Science Foundation,^{[605][99]} wrote that their birth year definition (1961 to 1981) of "^[606]Generation X" ("*13th Gen*") has been widely used in popular and academic literature.^{[607][100]}

Millennials Rising

David Brooks reviewed the follow-up book about the next generation titled *Millennials Rising* (2000). "^[608]Millennials" is a term coined by Strauss and Howe.^{[609][101]} Brooks wrote: "This is not a good book, if by good you mean the kind of book in which the authors have rigorously sifted the evidence and carefully supported their assertions with data. But it is a very good bad book. It's stuffed with interesting nuggets. It's brightly written. And if you get away from the generational mumbo jumbo, it illuminates changes that really do seem to be taking place."^{[610][4]} Further, Brooks wrote that the generations aren't treated equally: "Basically, it sounds as if America has two greatest generations at either end of the age scale and two crummiest in the middle".^{[611][4]}

In 2001, reviewer Dina Gomez wrote in [612]*NEA Today* that they make their case “convincingly,” with “intriguing analysis of popular culture” but conceded that it “over-generalizes”. Gomez argued that it is “hard to resist its hopeful vision for our children and future.”[613][102]

Millennials Rising ascribes seven “core traits” to Millennials: special, sheltered, confident, team-oriented, conventional, pressured, and achieving. A 2009, [614]*Chronicle of Higher Education* report commented Howe and Strauss based these core traits on a “hodgepodge of anecdotes, statistics, and pop-culture references” and on surveys of approximately 600 high-school seniors from [615]Fairfax County, Virginia, an affluent county with median household income approximately twice the national average. The report described *Millennials Rising* as a “good-news revolution” making “sweeping predictions” and as describing Millennials as “rule followers who were engaged, optimistic, and downright pleasant”, commenting the “book gave educators and tens of millions of parents, a warm feeling, saying who wouldn’t want to hear that their kids are special?”[616][8]

Strauss and Howe base the turning start and end dates not on the generational birth year span, but when the prior generation is entering adulthood. A generation “coming of age” is signaled by a “triggering event” that marks the turning point and the ending of one turning and the beginning of the new. For example, the “triggering event” that marked the coming of age for the Baby Boom Generation was the [617]assassination of John F. Kennedy. This marked the end of a first turning and the beginning of a second turning. This is why turning start and end dates don’t match up exactly with the generational birth years, but they tend to start and end a few years after the generational year spans. This also explains why a generation is described to have “entered childhood” during a particular turning, rather than “born during” a particular turning.

According to Strauss and Howe their generational types have appeared in Anglo-American history in a fixed order for more than 500 years with one hitch, occurring in the Civil War Saeculum. They say the reason for this is because according to the chart, the Civil War came about ten years too early; the adult generations allowed the worst aspects of their generational personalities to come through; and the Progressives grew up scarred rather than ennobled. As a result, there is no Hero Generation in this Cycle, although some alternative versions of the theory do include one.

Strauss and Howe initially used the name “13th Generation” in their 1991 book *Generations*, which was published mere weeks before [618]Douglas Coupland’s [619]*Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture*, but later adopted “Generation X” when it became the more widely accepted term for the cohort. The generation is so numbered because it is the thirteenth generation alive since American Independence (counting back until Benjamin Franklin’s Awakening Generation).[620][33]

“Millennial Generation”, a term Strauss and Howe used in their 1991 book *Generations*, has become the most widely-accepted name for this generation. Other names used in reference to it include Generation Y (as it is the generation following Generation X) and the Net Generation.

“New Silent Generation” was a proposed holding name used by Howe and Strauss in their 1991 book *Generations*. Howe has since referred to them as the “Homeland Generation” (or “New Adaptive Generation”) as they are the first generation to enter childhood after protective surveillance state measures, like the [621]Department of Homeland Security, were put into effect following the [622]September 11 attacks. This generation is now more widely referred to as “Generation Z”[623][8] or “Zoomers”.[624][85]

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Why Some Chicago Leaders Are Calling For Schools to 'Abolish' History Classes (2020-08-03 21:38)

As statues, monuments, and memorials across the country have been razed or defaced, Chicago leaders are trying to do the same to education in the state.

During a meeting in Evanston on Sunday, political, education, and other Chicago leaders demanded the Illinois State Board of Education stop teaching history "until a suitable alternative is developed."

State Rep. LaShawn K. Ford, for example, argued the current curriculum and materials "unfairly communicate" history, which "leads to white privilege and a racist society."

"When it comes to teaching history in Illinois, we need to end the miseducation of Illinoisans," Ford said. "I'm calling on the Illinois State Board of Education and local school districts to take immediate action by removing current history books and curriculum practices that unfairly communicate our history. Until a suitable alternative is developed, we should instead devote greater attention toward civics and ensuring students understand our democratic processes and how they can be involved."

Meleika Gardner of [1]We Will similarly said it's "urgent" the lessons stop.

"Miseducation has fed and continues to feed systemic racism for generations," she said. "If Black History continues to be devalued and taught incorrectly, then it will call for further action."

The mayor refused to take a stand for U.S. history because it's not his "area" but expressed support for measures that would incorporate "the history of Black people ... [and] all groups, Women, LatinX, and Native Indians who helped to build America" in the curriculum.

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Trump Signs Executive Orders Banning TikTok and WeChat. Here's When the Bans Take Effect. (2020-08-06 21:34)

Following through on a threat he made Friday night, President Trump signed two executive orders on Thursday banning the Chinese owners of the popular social media apps TikTok and WeChat from conducting business in the United States. The bans take effect in 45 days.

As Beth reported over the weekend, the executive order against Tik Tok will likely force ByteDance, the Chinese parent company, to divest and sell its United States operations. As of now, Microsoft has been the leading contender vying for the acquisition of the app.

"TikTok, a video-sharing mobile application owned by the Chinese company ByteDance Ltd., automatically captures vast swaths of information from its users," the president wrote in a letter to Congress about the orders. "This data collection threatens to allow the Chinese Communist Party access to Americans' personal and proprietary information — potentially allowing China to track the locations of Federal employees and contractors, build dossiers of personal information for blackmail, and conduct corporate espionage."

Earlier on Thursday, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to ban Tik Tok on devices issued by the government and prohibit federal employees from using the social media app. Along with espionage in the United States, Tik Tok has been accused of censoring content for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), content the CCP deems politically sensitive, such as the pro-democracy protests in Hong Hong.

In his letter to Congress, Trump similarly accused WeChat of collecting "vast swaths of information from its users" and giving the CCP "access to Americans' personal and proprietary information."

"To deal with this threat, the order prohibits, beginning 45 days after the date of this order, to the extent permitted under applicable law, any transaction by any person, or with respect to any property, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, with ByteDance Ltd. (a.k.a. Zijié Tiàodòng), Beijing, China, or its subsidiaries, in which any such company has any interest, as identified by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary). The Secretary will identify the transactions subject to this prohibition 45 days after the date of the order."

Tencent Holdings Ltd, the owner of WeChat, was similarly given 45 days to cease business transactions in the

United States.

New York AG Files Lawsuit to Dissolve NRA (2020-08-07 11:31)

Just like Radical Left New York is trying to destroy the NRA, if Biden becomes President your GREAT SECOND AMENDMENT doesn't have a chance. Your guns will be taken away, immediately and without notice. No police, no guns! — Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [1]August 6, 2020

ORIGINAL POST

New York Attorney General Letitia James filed a [2]lawsuit on Thursday against National Rifle Association (NRA) executives with intent to dissolve the organization entirely. The lawsuit accuses NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre, as well as officers Wilson Phillips, John Frazer and Joshua Powell, of fraudulently directing funds to NRA insiders and favored parties.

"The NRA's influence has been so powerful that the organization went unchecked for decades while top executives funneled millions into their own pockets," said James in a [3]statement.

"The NRA, through its Compensation Committee as it relates to LaPierre, Phillips and Frazer, and through LaPierre as it relates to Powell, violated these provisions in determining the compensation of the Individual Defendants. The salary, bonuses, other cash and non-cash compensation and other benefits to the Individual Defendants were excessive and constitute a waste of NRA's charitable assets, and an illegal and unauthorized activity," the [4] complaint reads.

After outlining 18 causes of action against the defendants, the complaint enjoins the New York Supreme Court to dissolve the NRA, remove the defendants from their position and require them to make restitution for unlawful financial benefits.

We are seeking to dissolve the NRA for years of self-dealing and illegal conduct that violate New York's charities laws and undermine its own mission.

The NRA diverted millions of dollars away from its charitable mission for personal use by senior leadership. — NY AG James (@NewYorkStateAG) [5]August 6, 2020

Although the NRA was [6]incorporated in New York as a [7]501(c)(3) charitable organization, internal corruption may have cost up to \$63 million in reduction of unrestricted net assets between 2015 and 2018 and more than \$64 million in total waste. If proven, these activities could void the organization of its charitable status.

The District of Columbia also issued a [8]complaint against the NRA and the NRA Foundation today, claiming that the foundation "allowed itself to be financially exploited through, among other things, unfair loans and management fee payments to the NRA."

James [9]promised in 2018 to investigate the NRA and began the official probe in February 2019. Throughout that time, she found a "Culture of Self-Dealing, Mismanagement, and Negligence."

"For these years of fraud and misconduct, we are seeking an order to dissolve the NRA in its entirety," James said in a [10]press conference on Thursday.

Here is the NRA's response:

(1/3) NRA PRESIDENT RESPONDS TO NY AG:

This was a baseless, premeditated attack on our organization and the Second Amendment freedoms it fights to defend. You could have set your watch by it: the investigation was going to reach its crescendo as... — NRA (@NRA) [11]August 6, 2020

(3/3) Our members won't be intimidated or bullied in their defense of political and constitutional freedom.

As evidenced by the lawsuit filed by the NRA today against the NY AG, we not only will not shrink from this fight – we will confront it and prevail. — NRA (@NRA) [12]August 6, 2020

The NRA has a tumultuous [13]history with the state of New York's legal system.

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Playstation 5 wins (2020-08-07 22:43)

I think Playstation 5 will win next generation. I love single player games since SNES and Nintendo Switch and Playstation have a lot of single player games. Nintendo Switch outsold Playstation 4, because everybody likes Animal Crossing, Mario, Zelda. Playstation 4 will have multiplayer games that will have cross-generation support for Playstation 5 multiplayer games so it doesn't matter which one you play multiplayer on. Plus PS3s cost \$120 in 2020 and PS3 plays PS1, PS2 and PS3 games. If you play more then PS4 and PS5 games on a PS5, you'll wear the console out within 3 years and it all adds up when your grocery bill increases due to covid. I wish you could swap out the Bluray drive like PCs or laptops. Single player games will win next generation, because gamers are older now. Some may even have mid-life crisis and play videogames alone. And if you're working on the job, and need to unwind and decompress, and get ay from people. Jean Paul Satre said Hell is other people, right? Ex Playstation 5 has plenty of mutliplayer, but its not focused on that. Sony had high quality single player exclusives like Persona 5, Final Fantasy VII Remake, Ghost of Tsushima, Gran Turismo 5, Ratchet and Clank, Last of Us Part 2, Uncharted 4 that Xbox didn't have. Xbox One had of multiplayer games. Of the Xbox One games, I really liked Forza Motorsport 5 and 6. I didn't care for Gears 4 or Gears 5 or Halo 5 much. I own those games. I really like the ray tracing demos. Call of Duty takes up 200 Gbs of hard drive space. I wo nder if Playstation 5 games take 200 Gigabytes of hard drive space. W hose going to aff ord either console in November 2020 at \$500 each. I also think that the FreeBSD 12 UNIX in Playstation 5 is more stable then Xbox Series X running Windows Server 2019, because Windows Server 2019 has been known to freeze up. Sony announced a digital only PS5 costing \$400. I like the Dual Sense feels better then the xbox one controller. Dual Shock 4 feels better then the Xbox one controller.

Worst Case Scenario - Hyperinflation in United States in 2021 (2020-08-08 17:00)

President Trump signed an executive order yesterday for expanding employment benefits, rent payments, student loan deferment, and \$400 bonuses. This tells you what kind of condition this % of student loans are in forbearance. Everything is in some forbearance. 5.9 % of the 1.34 trillion in auto loans. 80 billions dollars. Lenders are exposing themselves to greater losses. When they have to deal with delinquencies when the cars lose value. Loans grow as collateral declines. When banks repossess millions of cars in the future, they're not worth what people owe. Wells Fargo reported 44 billion of customer loans were in deferral. 35 billion of those loans are mortgages. 12 % of those first mortgages are in forbearance. 10 % of their second mortgages are in forbearance. 7.8 % of homes are in forbearance. Prepare for very dark times in the United States. If you have a \$1200 stimulus check, don't put it towards the Disney Channel or Netflix or Lattes or the videogames, the cartoons, put that money away in savings. The price of food is going up. This thing is going to be so hard hitting and drag out for so long that nobody is going to be 100 % prepared for what is coming. Goldman sachs says there is going to be a dollar collapse. Gold hit \$2000. Goldman sachs says clients should hang onto their gold. As the collapse worsens, the federal reserve prints more money, as more money is printed, inflation builds. At the same time, the government is racking up loads of debt. It will drive inflation in a uncontrollable upward spiral. As the dollar loses more value, inflation will climb even higher. The inflation rate is barely above 0 at 0.6 %. People who go to healthcare provider or grocery store know the number isn't even that Cherie. That money doesn't get to American's pockets, instead it is held up in banks and institutions to support their struggling balance sheets. MZM which serves as a indicator of liquid money has reached 4.3 trillion in 2000 but in March 2020 it reached 21 trillion dollars and in August 2020 it reached 25 trillion dollars. The velocity of MZM has slowed to a crawl of 0.9. If the trillions of money printed isn't spent, then the recovery won't happen. The economy activity can't return to per-pedemic levels by the end of 2020 or beyond. Inflation will see a spike with higher interest rates as well. The currency plummeting in value will increase the velocity of money. The federal reserve is able to push down interest rates artificially thus breaking all the rules of supply and demand. In a free market, elevated desire for credit should be met with increase interest rates that will force demand back down. The tactics of the federal reserve only works in the short term. Eventually artificial markets and prices will inflict serious damage on the financial systems that institutions are trying to preserve. Worst case scenario, the US will use rapidly increasing deficits and debts. The US dollar will sink lower and lower in value as other global fiat currencies will follow. Then the federal reserve will print more money unconcerned for the consequences despite failing businesses and households facing financial insecurity followed by increase payouts to Americans who loss their jobs or were furloughed. Eventually the government will introduce a universal basic income to support the public. With Universal basic income Americans won't have to work to receive income so many won't attempt to rejoin the labor force. When too much money has been printed, the lower worth of the US dollar, the federal serve cant control the inflation and pull strings of interest rates. The long end of the bond market will sell off. Then high long rates will drive short rates skyward. They have to pay for debt interest as percentage of GDP. Rates will be as high as 20 %. The world will have to resort to more printing money. This leads to defaults. Universal Basic Income will push more money printing until banks start failing right when the money printing turns into the quadrillions and hyper inflation takes off. Then the financial system will go into total collapse.

The Economy Is Struggling, but Gun Sales Are Soaring (2020-08-11 21:36)

OAKMONT, Pennsylvania – Long before you find yourself standing in front of the Smoke N' Guns shop, the delicate aroma of coffee beans and hand-rolled cigars beckons your senses as you walk along Allegheny River Boulevard.

Outside the shop, four black leather chairs spread a respectable 6 feet apart are waiting for either the overflow of customers or locals such as Marcello Frolo to hold court. He enjoys a rolled cigar along with his double espresso as he listens to the cars rumble along the brick-lined street.

Inside, the store is a visual delight, with a coffee bar and a handful of tables and chairs at the entrance. Boxes filled

with the best cigars money can buy are stacked high, and an impressive walk-in humidor is designed to keep them preserved at the perfect temperature.

In the back, a balcony overlooks the rest of the store and spans its entire width. A glass display case with an array of long guns hangs along the wall. In the center, begging to be held, is a Tommy gun. Gregory "Gooch" Ionadi, the owner, waits to help you find the gun you need or want to protect yourself.

That is, if there are any left to buy.

"Prior to the COVID outbreak, President Obama was the best gun salesman we ever had," says Ionadi. "Anytime he was going to ban this, ban that, there was a rush on gun sales. When President Trump was elected, the fear of a gun ban subsided, and sales were so flat that several gun manufacturers went out of business."

Things changed dramatically in gun shops across the country in February, when the first concentrated COVID-19 cases in one town were reported out of New Rochelle, New York. "We made more here in ... March and April than we did in the last three years," he says. "It was crazy."

It wasn't just his regular customers walking in the door or calling the store. Many of them never imagined themselves owning a gun, an experience reflected in the latest FBI statistics on background checks associated with the sale, transfer or permitting of firearms. An all-time sales high was recorded in March, when the virus outbreak hit and much of the country closed down: The FBI saw 3.7 million background checks.

When protests and riots started sweeping the country after the May 25 death of George Floyd, the FBI clocked another record in June by conducting more than 3.9 million background checks.

Last month, as activists set fires, looted and called for defunding or abolishing the police, the FBI showed that more than 3.6 million firearm background checks were conducted, making July the third-highest month on record.

Those numbers reflect Ionadi's experience: a surge in sales in March and April, and big numbers in June and July following the riots.

"You wouldn't believe the first-time gun buyers I've seen," says Ionadi. "I started seeing little old ladies – 70, 80 years old – wanting to defend themselves because of what was going on. So, I had to change my thinking. I had to start buying .22 Magnum revolvers. I have some revolvers here, but I had to start buying revolvers that women and older folks could use because they are easy to handle. Semi-auto and a revolver are two different things."

Smoke N' Guns is the kind of place where everyone has a nickname, beginning with Gooch and extending to the customers. It is a place of family, roots and connection. There are guys sitting outside smoking a cigar and inside getting their coffee. People from around the region call nonstop to see if there are particular guns and ammo in stock.

When Gooch's mom had her dress shop here, it used to be the kind of place where young women bought their wedding gowns, bridesmaids' dresses and elegant eveningwear.

"It was called Ionadi Bridal and Boutique," says Gregory Ionadi, Gooch's father, sitting outside and taking in the breezy summer day. "My wife had that for 25 years. The bottom floor was all prom dresses. Where the balcony is, we used to do an upscale women's casual, mother of the bride and bridal."

When the dress store closed, Ionadi the elder found himself bored, and Gooch had long envisioned the store they have today in his head. Between the elder's boredom and the younger's idea, both men are living the dream.

Pre-pandemic, Gooch worked full time as a Local 5 electrician during the day and then at Smoke N' Guns from 4 p.m. until closing. He was laid off from his day job in February. The elder Ionadi worked full time as the Verona postmaster during the day and then, after 4 p.m., worked the dress shop with his wife.

"Work ethic is a big deal in our family," 75-year-old Gregory Ionadi says. "You eat every day. You work every day. That's the way it is. I'll work until I can't work."

Within five minutes, Gooch takes a half-dozen calls from people looking to buy something specific, saying everything from "Not sure about that Glock" to "I am out of that ammo" to "Sure. Come in this evening and I'll show you what we have."

His father serves up a frosty coffee confection with an impressive amount of whipped cream on top to a customer outside. A "Make America Great Again" hat is propped on top of a beautifully carved wooden statue. Behind it is a framed photo of President Donald Trump.

Inside and out, everyone is in a mask (that is the rule); everyone is at a distance; respect for each other is key. "I am not arguing with people who don't want to wear a mask before coming in here," Gooch says. "Wear a mask. I don't want this thing. I don't know what it is. To this day, you're getting arguments that it's fake. Well, maybe it is. Maybe it isn't. But I want to be safe. I want my dad to be safe. I want my mom to be safe. I want my wife to be safe, my kids."

His wife, Kim, smiles and brings him a cut from a hoagie about as long as the counter she set it on and urges him to take a break for lunch, as noon passed hours ago. "I've got a feeling it's going to be a busy, long night."

Why America Is in Real Danger (2020-08-11 21:41)

Americans have long been proud of the fact that, unlike European countries, America never went the route of totalitarianism as embodied in communism, fascism and Nazism.

This achievement may be coming to an end.

In order to understand why, it is first necessary to understand why European countries embraced – or fell victim to – totalitarian doctrines.

Until World War I, the primary beliefs that gave life meaning, both on a national and personal level, were Judeo-Christian religions and patriotism (love of one's nation). What gave people moral guidance were Judeo-Christian values.

For most Europeans of the younger generation, World War I, with its seemingly senseless slaughter of millions, ended belief in Christianity and, in many cases, ended the people's faith in their nations. God was deemed absent; religion was deemed unnecessary; and national identity was widely seen as a cause of the war.

That left a void that was almost immediately filled by communism, fascism and Nazism.

In Russia, World War I led directly to the Russian Revolution. Even before the war ended, in 1917, the czar was overthrown, and later that year, the Bolsheviks (the Russian communists) took over. As awful as the czar was, there was far more freedom under him than there was in the Soviet Union until the fall of communism 72 years later, not to mention the murder of more people – 20 to 40 million – under the Soviet regime.

In Italy, the rise of fascism followed World War I. And in Germany, the Nazis came to power just 15 years after the end of the Great War. Nazism conquered most of the European continent during WWII, and after Germany's defeat in 1945, the Soviets imposed communism over all of Eastern Europe.

Though there were communists, communist fellow travelers, Nazi sympathizers, racists and anti-Semites in the United States, neither communism nor fascism nor Nazism took root here. The primary reason was that, unlike most Europeans, Americans did not lose their faith in Judeo-Christian religions and values or in America after World War I. America remained so religious that, in 1954, the words "under God" were inserted into the Pledge of Allegiance recited daily in American schools.

However, by the 1950s, faith in America, Christianity and what we call bourgeois middle-class values was largely limited to older Americans. The post-World War II baby-boomer generation was already being indoctrinated in secularism and anti-Americanism. As early as 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that school prayer was unconstitutional.

By the late 1960s, vast numbers of baby boomers were attending demonstrations that were as much against America – routinely characterized as an imperialist and colonialist aggressor country with an evil military – as they were against the war in Vietnam. It was not uncommon to see America spelled "Amerikkka" or "Amerika" at protests and in graffiti.

When I was in graduate school at Columbia University in the early 1970s, I was taught that men and women are not inherently different from one another and that the Cold War was between two superpowers (equally at fault), not between freedom and tyranny.

Another generation has passed, and the post-Christian, left-wing baby boomers have come close to achieving complete success. The mainstream print and electronic media, universities, high schools and elementary schools, the arts and now sports have all been conquered by the left. Except for sports, from the beginning of the 20th century, they were almost all liberal, but now they are left.

We now have the answer to the question: What will happen to America if Americans lose faith in God and country as the Europeans did after World War I? What will happen to America when Christianity dies as it did in Europe after World War I?

The way things now look, America may have its bout with some totalitarian doctrine – almost surely some form of leftism. Liberty has never been a left-wing value. From Lenin on, wherever the left has come to power, it has suppressed liberty, beginning with free speech. Already, despite a Republican president and a Republican Senate, America has less free speech than at any time in its history. Exactly one year ago, I testified before a Senate subcommittee and wrote an op-ed piece for The Wall Street Journal about YouTube (owned by Google) placing more than 100 Prager University, or PragerU, videos on its restricted list.

And things have gotten much worse. Last week, PragerU was locked out of its Twitter account for retweeting a press conference of eight physicians in Washington, D.C., which had already received 17 million views, and Facebook has just informed us that if we even cite studies that show possible benefits of hydroxychloroquine (with zinc) in the early stages of a patient with COVID-19, we will lose our Facebook account.

And then there is the "cancel culture" – which is merely a euphemism for leftist suppression of dissent. People are booted from internet platforms, fired from their jobs or have their reputations smeared and their businesses ruined for differing with the left – on anything.

We are also undergoing a nonviolent (as of now) version of Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution, with individuals forced to issue humiliating public recantations of their beliefs and attend reeducation sessions (we don't yet have reeducation camps, but they should not be ruled out as a possibility if the left is in control).

Another communist norm taking root in America is the rewriting of the American past. We are living a famous Soviet dissident joke: "In the Soviet Union, the future is known; it is the past that is always changing."

On almost all social issues and many economic ones, the American left is more radical than the left in Europe. Europeans across the political spectrum are more wary of ideological fanaticism because of the vast scale of death and suffering that resulted from communism, fascism and Nazism.

One might say that Europe was inoculated against fanaticism. Europeans are more preoccupied with working less, traveling more and being taken care of than with ideological movements. But America, which has not suffered under fanatical, irrational, liberty-depriving ideologies, has not been inoculated.

Without such a vaccination, what replaced Christianity in Europe may well do the same in America.

If Biden and Harris Have Their Way, 19 Million Jobs Would Be Eliminated (2020-08-12 22:45)

California Sen. Kamala Harris (D) and former Vice President Joe Biden are now the official Democratic Party ticket for the 2020 presidential election. One thing that's important to remember as we head into November: both Harris and Biden have promised to ban fracking, which would be a blow to millions of Americans across the country.

"No more, no new fracking. And, by the way, on the Recovery Act, I was able to make sure we invested \$90 billion dollars in making sure we brought down the price of solar and wind that is lower than the price of coal," Biden said back in March during a debate with Sen. Bernie Sanders. "That's why not another new coal plant will be built."

Joe Biden: "no more, no new fracking" in my administration[1]<https://t.co/gnHCex8NPv>
[2]pic.twitter.com/bwvLaU2VyB — RNC Research (@RNCResearch) [3]March 16, 2020

"There's no question I'm in favor of banning fracking," Harris said during a town hall last September. "And starting with what we can do on day one with public lands, right? And then there's gotta be legislation. This is something I've taken on in California. I have a history of working on this issue."

"We just have to acknowledge that the residual impact of fracking is enormous in terms of health and safety of communities," the senator said.

Kamala Harris backs a federal ban on fracking[4]<https://t.co/BM0xhvyX02>
[5]pic.twitter.com/QHMmg2Xhv4 — RNC Research (@RNCResearch) [6]September 4, 2019

According to the [7]Global Energy Institute, if fracking were banned between 2021 and 2025, 19 million Americans would be out of jobs and the United States' GDP would drop by \$7.1 trillion. Not only that but energy prices would go through the roof, "with natural gas prices rising by 324 percent, causing household energy bills to quadruple and the cost of living to increase by \$5,661 for the average American. By 2025, the price of gasoline would double and government revenues would plummet by almost \$1.9 trillion."

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Democrats Are Waging War Against Tradition and the Constitution (2020-08-12 23:20)

Several of the 2020 Democratic primary candidates favored the abolishment of the Electoral College. Or, as once-confident candidate Elizabeth Warren put it, "I plan to be the last American president to be elected by the Electoral College."

Furor over the Electoral College among the left arose from the 2000 and 2016 elections. Al Gore and Hillary Clinton, respectively, won the popular votes. But, like three earlier presidents, they lost the Electoral College voting – and with it the presidency.

The Founding Fathers saw a purpose in the Electoral College. It ensured that small, rural states would retain importance in national elections.

The Electoral College lessened the chance of voting fraud affecting the outcome of a national vote by compartmentalizing the outcome among the various states. It usually turns the presidential election into a contest between two major parties that alone have the resources to campaign nationwide.

The college is antithetical to the parliamentary systems of Europe. There, a multiplicity of small extremist parties form and break coalitions to select heads of state, often without transparency.

Yet to change the U.S. Constitution is hard – and by intent.

Historically, an amendment has required a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress and an additional ratification by three-fourths of the states through votes of their legislatures.

There is a chance that some states could render void the Electoral College without formally amending the Constitution.

To circumvent the Constitution, Democrats have pushed "The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact," an agreement among a group of states that would force state electors to vote in accordance with the national popular vote and ignore their own state tallies. Already, 15 states totaling 73 percent of the 270 electoral votes necessary to win the presidency have joined.

Liberal academics have an array of proposed constitutional changes. Why do two Wyoming senators each represent about 290,000 voters while each California senator represents 20 million?

Forget that the founders established a constitutional republic, not a radical democracy, in order to check and balance popular and often volatile public opinion. One way was by creating an upper-house Senate that would slow down the pulse of the more populist House of Representatives.

Nevertheless, there is an ongoing effort to dream up ways to create more, and apparently liberal, senators – to change the rules rather than the hearts and minds of the voters.

In his recent eulogy at John Lewis's funeral, Barack Obama proposed giving statehood to liberal Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. That would instantly give Democrats four additional senators.

Others want senators allotted by population. That was the argument in a recent Atlantic article titled "The Path to Give California 12 Senators, and Vermont Just One,"

There is nothing in the Constitution that specifies the exact size and makeup of the Supreme Court. It only offers guidance on how justices are appointed and confirmed, and that there will be a chief justice. But since 1869, the Supreme Court has been fixed at eight associate justices and one chief justice.

Democratic primary candidates Pete Buttigieg, Kamala Harris, Beto O'Rourke and Elizabeth Warren said they would consider ending that 151-year tradition and "pack" the court with additional justices in the fashion of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's failed 1937 effort.

The left is apparently afraid of a second Donald Trump presidential term that might allow him four or five Supreme Court picks over eight years in office.

The effect of such appointments could be mitigated by expanding the court to 12 or more justices, along with altering the rules for selecting them.

In his eulogy for Lewis, Obama also called for an end to the Senate filibuster. He claimed it was a racist relic from the Jim Crow era used to stymie needed social change.

Given recent polling, Obama now apparently believes Trump will lose the election, and Congress with it. But he also seems to fear that fundamental progressive transformation could be checked by a filibuster-happy Republican Senate minority.

Democrats were perfectly happy with the filibuster – or the mere threat of the filibuster – from 2017 to 2019, when the Democratic Senate minority blocked much of the Trump agenda.

Efforts to change time-honored rules for short-term gain are becoming more common.

Sanctuary cities nullify federal immigration law to empower illegal immigration. The nonenforcement of laws against rioting and looting has become common in big cities. The First Amendment is inert on college campuses.

The left should beware. Politics are volatile and often change. When Democrats destroy longstanding rules for short-term advantage, they may regret it when they too are in need of sober traditions and the U.S. Constitution.

Whats' wrong with Mitt Romney? (2020-08-16 18:28)

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, wants to issue subpoenas to former FBI Director James Comey and ex-CIA chief John Brennan. It's part of his investigation into

the Russian collusion circus that engulfed the nation for over two years and made Democrats—and their allies in the media—become totally unspooled. Specifically, he's zeroing in on the FBI's surveillance operation against the Trump campaign in 2016, which was really a spy operation. Informants tried to glean information from Trump campaign officials under false pretenses and then relayed whatever they found to their superiors. That sounds like spying. Heck, even Obama's former intelligence czar said so.

Mitt Romney, a Russia collusion hoaxer, just happens to be on that committee. <https://t.co/e4azbuUfs1>
— Sean Davis (@seanmdav) August 12, 2020

Why does Mitt Romney still have any committee assignments?

He voted to impeach the President of his own party based on utter nonsense

He should have been kicked out of the party six months ago
— Will Chamberlain (@willchamberlain) August 13, 2020

Tucker Carlson rips Mitt Romney for siding with BLM:

"You'll remember that Mitt Romney marched and showed his support. What does Mitt Romney think of the looting of downtown Chicago? Is Romney for theft, for crime?" pic.twitter.com/zRUuNJafJK
— Daily Caller (@DailyCaller) August 13, 2020

Yet, someone is holding up the works—and it's coming from the Republican side (via Politico):

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chair Ron Johnson suggested Wednesday that fellow Republicans on his committee were blocking him from subpoenaing former FBI Director James Comey, former CIA Director John Brennan and other figures involved in the investigation of President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign and its contacts with Russia — even though the panel gave him the unilateral power to do so in the spring.

"We had a number of my committee members that were highly concerned about how this looks politically," the Wisconsin GOP senator told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt, who pressed Johnson to identify Republicans standing in the way of a wave of high-profile subpoenas.

Johnson emphasized that he needs the unanimous support of his committee's eight Republicans to advance any subpoenas — one defection would likely result in a 7-7 deadlock with the committee's six Democrats. "If I lose one, I lose the vote," Johnson said.

Hewitt repeatedly asked Johnson to name the Republicans on the Senate Homeland Security Committee who would oppose subpoenaing Comey.

"Hugh, I'm just not going to be naming names that way," Johnson replied.

[...]

The interview underscores the degree to which there's a reluctance among some Senate Republicans to advance an investigation that Democrats have viewed as a conduit for foreign disinformation aimed at former Vice President Joe Biden less than three months before the election as well as to amplify allegations of corruption by the FBI in its Trump-Russia probe. Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah), one of the eight Republicans on Johnson's panel, raised concerns about the investigation's political overtones in the spring, though he ultimately has backed some of the panel's subpoena requests.

Okay, so to be fair, the publication noted some committee officials who said that Johnson can still subpoena these men, adding that the interview with Hewitt was based on a misunderstanding or something. Yeah, I guess I could believe that until Mitten's name was mentioned.

Some people are saying 'it looks political.' Have they forgotten where they work? Everything you do is political now; eating pizza with a fork and knife can cost you votes. This is politics—get over it. Second, would it shock you if Romney was the person Johnson was talking about? He has consistently been just a pain in our asses ever since he got to Washington. He's done nothing to help the Trump administration or its agenda—the vast majority of which he ran on in 2012. For those in the back, again, 85 percent, maybe even 90 percent, of what Trump has done and what he's campaigning to do in his re-election bid is what conservative Republicans, Reagan Republicans, have advocated for in the past 25 years. The party base has changed. We're in an era of right-wing populism. That's fine; we're seeing results. Results that were derailed, thanks to China being incompetent and allowing coronavirus to become a pandemic.

Romney marched with Black Lives Matter protesters, he voted with Democrats on one of the articles of impeachment that should have led to his expulsion from the party, and now this—this alleged blocking of subpoenas? Mitt has no fight, no inclination to go for the jugular. That's why he loses—and it's no big accomplishment that he won in a conservative Mormon state either. That's like saying Hillary is an ace campaigner because she won her Senate race...in deep-blue New York.

This man just has to go. Utah—I urge you to find someone who can primary Mitt in 2024. Please. This man can be beaten. He's lost many times before. In the meantime, FBI Director Chris Wray has been ordered to turn over documents relating to the bureau's spy operation against Trump.

Kamala Harris Is the Perfect Choice for VP (2020-08-16 18:29)

Kamala? Really? Well, one thing is clear: Michelle said NO. Maybe even "Hell NO."

Don't get me wrong. Kamala Harris is the perfect choice for Basement Biden's vice president ... if your only criteria is "black female."

Because, other than that, Sen. Harris offers nothing to Joe Biden. The Kamala Harris VP choice is one of the great mistakes in presidential political history.

Except, of course, Biden wanted and needed a "black female." Remember, only 24 hours before announcing Harris as his VP choice, 100 black male leaders sent Biden a letter demanding a black female VP or, they promised, he'd lose the election. Enter Kamala. She's certainly got the credentials ... if your only criterion is "black female."

Let's look at what Harris actually brings to the Democratic presidential ticket.

First, she is unlikable. She shares the lead in a space formerly owned exclusively by Hillary Clinton. Pretty much everyone who knows Harris doesn't like her. She is mean and nasty. She was intolerably nasty to Joe Biden during the Democratic presidential debates.

Secondly, that brings up her disastrous presidential campaign. She never won one delegate. Biden's ship is sinking – even those 100 black male leaders recognized that reality. But how does Harris help? She just ran for president. Democratic voters soundly rejected her. Black voters overwhelmingly rejected her. She was an awful failure. How can she help Biden, when she couldn't help herself?

No sooner had I written this column than a new Rasmussen poll was released showing one-third of black voters say Harris as VP makes them less likely to vote for Biden. Like I said, no one likes Harris, not even black voters.

Third, Harris publicly stated she believed the females accusing Biden of unwanted touching and sexual assault. Yet she's willing to be his political partner? She wants him to be president? But I thought she believes the charges against him? Will Harvey Weinstein be joining the Cabinet? I can't wait for Trump's television commercials.

Fourth, Harris has the most liberal voting record in the U.S. Senate, to the left of Bernie Sanders'. She supports Medicare for All, free health care for illegal immigrants, open borders, the insane Green New Deal with a \$90 trillion price tag, free college and gun confiscation. So, we know her awful, radical, extreme views will motivate conservatives.

Yet somehow, Bernie Sanders liberals despise her, too. She is a very unpopular pick with the noisy radical left of the Democratic Party. Why? As a prosecutor, Harris put over 1,500 people in prison for marijuana offenses, yet she admitted she had smoked marijuana. Like I said, Harris defines "unlikable."

Fifth, her very public relationship with Willie Brown, who was married when they were spotted together, makes her quite possibly the biggest turnoff in history for Christian voters. But hey, give the Democrats credit. In four years, they've gone from a female candidate known for having a husband who cheated on her ... to a candidate known for cheating with a married man. I guess that's progress!

I've saved the best for last. I'm no prude when it comes to sex. I was the Libertarian vice presidential nominee in 2008. I believe what you do in the bedroom is your business – as long as it doesn't cost taxpayers a dime. But Harris received appointments to a California commission and California board from her lover. That came with a \$400,000 payoff. That's corruption.

Every taxpayer has a right to be outraged. Willie Brown used your taxpayer money to pay off his much younger lover. Now she wants to be your vice president. And you thought former President Barack Obama had audacity? I believe Harris should be indicted for theft of taxpayer funds.

Think about this for a moment. What would the media say if President Trump were to have an affair while in office and give his lover two cushy government jobs paying hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars? Can you spell "impeachment"?

Now skip ahead 20 years and imagine if Trump's lover who accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer money after having sex were now on a Republican presidential ticket.

That's Harris.

Biden picked her knowing all that? If you've ever questioned his judgment and massive decline of cognitive skills, this is the proof positive.

Biden clearly has no idea what he's doing. But he sure made the perfect VP pick ... if the only criteria is "black female." Or if the definition of "perfect" is perfect for Trump.

Game. Set. Match. Kamala just clinched it for Trump. Thank you, Basement Biden.

Minneapolis Business Owner Tells Trump How Democratic-Run City Abandoned Him During the Riots (2020-08-18 18:31)

Minneapolis businessman John Wolf joined President Trump on Monday to talk about how one of his stores, Chicago Lake Liquors, was heavily damaged and looted during the height of the riots in May following the death of George Floyd.

The store has been at its location in south Minneapolis since 1959 and was targeted by looters starting on May 28. The looting went on for two more days. More than [1]300 businesses were destroyed during the riots.

"I called 911 over 10 times, without any response, all while watching looters damage my building and haul away product. The feeling of hopelessness I had, knowing that no one was coming, is indescribable," Wolf said on the airport tarmac.

"I faced three nights of looting, six fires, three feet of standing water, over a million dollars worth in stolen and damaged product. There's nothing more important for elected officials than providing safety to residents and businesses. Without that, nothing else works," he added.

Wolf said there are real issues facing the Minneapolis community as crime has risen in the face of the city's police department being dismantled.

"Actions should have consequences. Has anyone been arrested for all this looting? The answer is no. Without consequences, people feel emboldened to do as they want. What we need is law and order," he continued. "While city leaders discuss reimagining the police department, Minneapolis still need law enforcement. Here's the deal. I pay a lot of taxes and in return, there's an understanding: The city protects me. I held up to my end, the city of Minneapolis didn't."

1. <https://www.foxnews.com/media/minnesota-newspaper-lists-over-360-local-businesses-destroyed-by-riots-with-maps-specific-details-of-damage>

New information on the Maoist Tactics of the Biden/Harris political campaign. (2020-08-19 17:42)

Current to 30 day delinquency rate has spiked in 2020. Mortgage delinquencies has spiked in the second quarter of 2020. The delinquency rate has increased 386 points from first quarter of 2020. There is high home builder sentiment, but nobody pays their bills. There is negative \$68,176,000,000 of net income from the USPS, but \$688,720,000,000 revenue in 10 years . Banks reported tighter standards on non-farm residential loans. The wealth is like an upside down pyramid. All the wealth at the bottom supports all the weight on top. China holding of US treasuries declining. In New York City, 5 % of residents, 420000 left the city between march 1 and may 1. Of New York cities wealthiest neighborhoods, it's 40 %. Students left as colleges closed, or dealt with caring for friends or family. Members. Kamila Harris is the 3rd most liberal senator on capital hill behind Bernie Sanders, a self admitted socialist, and Elisabeth Warren who is a socialist, but couches it. When Joe Biden picked Kamila harris, it became the most liberal ticket in the history of the United States. If America wants hardcore liberalism, they will vote for the Biden/Harris ticket. Donald Trump is all over the place, but he is a man who is governing in a traditional way. Donald Trump is the status quo. Biden and Harris are going to blow everything up. Kamia Harris had professional parents, one Indian, one Jamaican. She had a middle class upbringing. She was busted, but not in the ghetto. She is a machine politician. The machine in California is far, far left. He has 15 % of Democrats in her presidential race. She looked confused. She changed positions. The San Francisco values are avoidance of religion, secular rules, inclusion is everything, lax border enforcement, free citizen amnesty for undocumented aliens, and a fast track to vote, the Republican party disappears. We become a Marxist-Leninist dictatorship. No due process, all actuation are convictions in her mind, low crime enforcement, Metoo okay, neo-Marxist Critical Theory okay, loving Leninist eco-socialist Green New Deal . These are her San Francisco values, and she's in 100 %. There is nothing about Kamea Harris that goes against the communist orthodoxy. She has no descending opinions. Joe Biden is what the far left tells him to be. She was picked to attack donald trump. She is the most vicious of all democratic politicians. The Marxist-Leninist-Maoist Black Panther Party tactic (also Critical Race Theory) of responding to a Black Woman will be called racist. If you have no skill set, no assets, no money in savings, you're done. Last week was the first week in 21 weeks to have under 1 million unemployed. Mortgages never risen this fast in history due to Covid virus. It takes 53 weeks of medium wages to meet basic needs. In1983, it took 30 weeks to pay for house, car, food, education, healthcare. The quality of life of the average American in crashing. We're probably going to see the homeless epidemic on steroids in the future. Only 20 % of the country saved up a \$1000.

President Trump: FDA Provided an Emergency Use Authorization for a Highly Successful Coronavirus Treatment (2020-08-24 21:16)

President Donald Trump on Sunday announced that the Federal Drugs Administration (FDA) has approved an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for convalescent plasma to be used as a treatment for the Wuhan coronavirus.

"Today I am pleased to make a truly historic announcement in our battle against the China virus that will save countless lives," President Trump said at a White House briefing on Sunday. "Today's action will dramatically increase access to this treatment."

Through this treatment, those who have successfully recovered from the virus donate antibodies. Those who are currently sick with the Wuhan coronavirus will receive the antibodies, which helps their body fight the virus.

From the FDA's FAQ about the treatment:

Convalescent refers to anyone recovering from a disease. Plasma is the yellow, liquid part of blood that contains antibodies. Antibodies are proteins made by the body in response to infections. Convalescent plasma from patients who have already recovered from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may contain antibodies against COVID-19. Giving this convalescent plasma to hospitalized people currently fighting COVID-19 may help them recover. FDA has issued an emergency use authorization for convalescent plasma to be used in hospitalized COVID-19 patients and is being investigated for the treatment of COVID-19 because there is no approved treatment for this disease. Based on scientific evidence available, the FDA concluded this product may be effective in treating COVID-19 and that the known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

According to the president, the Mayo Clinic received \$48 million to test the efficacy of the treatment. It was discovered that the mortality rate is cut by 35 percent, which is considered a significant reduction. As of now more than 100,000 Americans are currently enrolled to receive treatment.

The federal government has also provided \$237 million so the Red Cross can collect up to 350,000 units of plasma for those fighting the Wuhan coronavirus.

"This treatment has been tried and true in past pandemics," Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said. The treatment appears to be most effective for those under 80 who receive plasma within the first three days of being diagnosed.

"This is a major advance in the treatment of a patient, a major advance," Azar emphasized.

FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn said that the EUA allows physicians to continue to meet demands across the nation. The FDA plans to continue to gather data on the success of convalescent plasma, although the data they have currently collected shows the benefits outweigh costs. Hahn pointed to the 35 percent survival rate as evidence of that.

This Election Is About Your Security (2020-08-24 21:22)

Every four years the American people put the future of the country on the ballot and every four years a variety of issues take center stage as presidential candidates make their case to the American people. In 2020, this election will

likely come down to a single word with multiple meanings – SECURITY. Your economic security, the security of you and your family, and America's national security. With respect to these critical areas the choice this election is clear – the American people need four more years of President Donald Trump.

James Carville said it best in 1992, "It's the economy, stupid." Presidential elections typically center on economic issues. That has not changed in 2020. Americans are going to face a choice between President Trump, who built the strongest economy in a generation with wages growing across all demographics and the lowest unemployment rate in decades, or Joe Biden. The President will present a record of success and the hope for even better days to come. Biden has a record of abject failure with his vote for NAFTA and support for TPP, which caused blue-collar jobs to flee overseas, or his proposed \$4 trillion tax increase and disastrous Green New Deal policies that would eliminate even more jobs. Joe Biden oversaw the slowest economic recovery since the Great Depression. President Trump grew our economy to new heights once and he will do it again.

Economic security also requires security at home. Here again the choice is clear. American cities are burning as rioters, looters, and anarchists have taken control of Democrat-run cities. President Trump is responding forcefully in support of our police to restore safety and security in our neighborhoods. Joe Biden's response has been to call police the enemy. His running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, compared law enforcement to the KKK, and the radical Democrat party openly supports the defund the police movement. There is a reason why many major police organizations support President Trump. They know he supports the men and women who run toward the danger, protect our loved-ones and children, and help keep our neighborhoods safe. The radical Democrat Party of Joe Biden cannot even denounce the violence and chaos in America's cities. In some areas, protestors are now going neighborhood to neighborhood threatening peaceful families and warning them that their house is next. Would you feel safer in Joe Biden's America with fewer police?

Lastly, the most important responsibility of any President is to protect our nation and her allies from threats abroad. Again, the choice is clear in this election. President Trump has rebuilt our military and ended America's involvement in senseless wars. He also made the tough, yet pivotal, call to take out top terror groups and terrorists around the world.

President Trump ended the horrible Obama-Biden Iran Deal that provided billions to the leading sponsor of terror in the world and paved the way for Iran to obtain nuclear weapons. He wiped out the ISIS caliphate that developed and flourished under Obama-Biden. He ordered the strikes that killed top terrorists like Iran's brutal Qasem Soleimani and ISIS leader Abu Bakr a-Baghdadi. Joe Biden, on the other hand, opposed the raid which killed Osama bin-Laden. He voiced his opposition to President Trump's terrorist killing airstrikes. If Joe Biden had his way these terrorists would still be walking this earth. America cannot afford a weak president like Biden who is afraid to make difficult decisions to kill terrorists and make the world safer place.

The 2020 presidential election is about security, yours! If you care about the economic, personal, and national security of our nation the choice in this election is clear. If you want a president who will fight for your jobs, strengthen your community, and protect our troops President Trump is the clear choice this November.

Democrats' 'Facts' About Postal Service Must be Lost in the Mail (2020-08-24 21:28)

If it is a day of the week that ends in a "y," you can count on the Democrats to feign outrage about something. The radical left's current outrage of the day centers around the U.S. Postal Service, but their so-called "facts" must be lost in the mail.

It is no secret the post office is a mess. It has been a mess for many years but now Democrats are aghast because Donald Trump wants to fix it. Liberals and their allies conveniently forget to inform the American people the postal service has lost \$78 billion since 2007. They ignore the fact that when most people mail a birthday card to a distant friend or loved one, they mail it weeks in advance lest it arrive belatedly. A friend recently asked if you won a

million-dollar lottery would you mail the winning ticket to the lottery office or deliver it yourself? Any American with common sense would deliver it themselves.

Liberal democrats and media, of course, refuse to let facts nor common sense nor “snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night” to deter them in their drive to politically damage President Trump. In fact, Nancy Pelosi is counting on it. She is literally lying to senior citizens by claiming that President Trump is threatening their Social Security checks with changes at the post office. She forgets the law that went into effect seven years ago that requires social security payments to be delivered electronically and the fact that nearly every Social Security recipient receives their payment electronically – not via the mail.

Worse yet! When the facts fail Democrats, they just make up crazy conspiracy theories. Joe Biden told a crowd that President Trump’s administration is going around “literally with tractor trailers picking up mailboxes.” However, he forgets the Postal Service removed 14,000 mailboxes during Obama’s tenure. Of course, it was not a scandal or a conspiracy theory when Democrats did it.

The radical left and the media also fail to mention the Postal Service does not currently face a crisis. It has a record amount of cash in the bank right now. It also can access a \$10 billion loan that it has not tapped. Current forecasts estimate the post office has enough cash to continue operating normally through next year.

There is no question the U.S. Postal Service needs changes and improvements. Even the non-partisan Government Accounting Office described the post office’s business model as “not financially sustainable,” which should not surprise anyone given the rise of email, paperless statements, and electronic bill payments.

Democrat desperation has reached such levels they are fabricating wild conspiracy theories that misrepresents the guidance the Postal Service sent to the states to help make sure people mail their ballots in time to be counted.

The problems with Democrat mail-in balloting schemes are not the fault of the post office. The blame for this mess squarely sits on the shoulders of Joe Biden and his radical allies who created this mess. President Trump is working to ensure a safe and fair election. An election that is free from the massive problems that occurred in New York where 20 % of ballots were not counted and Nevada where 17 % of live ballots were returned as undeliverable. If your Social Security check is not in the mail neither should most of our election ballots.

Skinwalker Ranch (2020-08-25 12:32)

Since 1996, Skinwalker Ranch has established itself as a possible paranormal hotspot. For some theorists, the 512-acre plot of land in Utah potentially holds answers to UFO and crop circle phenomena. Some even believe extraterrestrial activity regularly happens there.

The Ballard property derived its name from the Navajo folktale of the skinwalker. As legend has it, the ominous being is a malevolent witch. It can transform itself into any creature it chooses.

These are typically four-legged mammals like coyotes, but skinwalkers can sometimes appear as owls or crows. While skeptics think this whole concept is just a myth, eyewitness accounts across the decades beg to differ. On top of that, there’s more to the ranch than just shape-shifters.

According to History, cattle have been found mutilated in an oddly surgical and bloodless manner on the property. Alleged UFO sightings have been plentiful in the sky. Some people have called this place “cursed.”

It all began with Terry Sherman, who essentially fled his newly-bought property after experiencing too much unusual activity to handle. It was 1996.

What Is Skinwalker Ranch?

Almost nobody knew about the site until The Deseret News published an article called “Frequent Flyers?” on Jun. 30, 1996. It chronicled how desperate property-owners Terry and Gwen Sherman were to stop the purported UFO activity plaguing their new home.

“For a long time we wondered what we were seeing, if it was something to do with a top-secret project,” said Terry Sherman. “I don’t know really what to think about it.”

Aerial View Of Skinwalker Ranch

Prometheus EntertainmentThe 512-acre plot of land has seen crop circle and UFO phenomena as well as unexplained cattle mutilation.

The couple, their teenage son, and 10-year-old daughter all claimed they had seen three specific types of UFOs numerous times during the course of 15 months. One was small and boxy, another was 40 feet long, and the third was an enormous craft the size of several football fields.

One of them shone a red wave of light. Another emerged out of a circular, orange orb resembling an aerial doorway. To their credit, the Shermans videotaped two of their sightings. Meanwhile, they also observed crop circles.

One instance saw three 8-foot circles in a triangular pattern, 30 feet from each other, on flattened grass. A nearby pasture had circles three feet wide and a foot or two deep, with perfectly flattened dirt in the centers. As time went on, incidents on Skinwalker Ranch only got weirder — and scarier.

Homestead On Skinwalker Ranch

Prometheus EntertainmentCountless people in the region have reported seeing glowing orbs, UFOs, and humanoid figures.

One night, a flying light followed Gwen Sherman on her drive home. On another, while Terry Sherman was out in the fields with the family dogs, he heard male voices speaking an unfamiliar language — and they seemed to be speaking about 25 feet above him. His dogs went crazy.

At one point, seven of the family’s cows were either missing or dead. The cattle deaths were bizarre to say the least. One dead cow had a hole cut in the center of its left eyeball but was otherwise untouched. Another dead cow had the same incision, as well as a 6-inch hole carved out of its rectum. A strange chemical smell was present both times.

Other cows disappeared entirely, some with their hoofprints suddenly stopping in the paths they left behind.

“We’ve seen [the UFOs] enough and we know pretty much what the craft look like, and I think it’s definitely associated with the cattle mutilations,” said Terry Sherman. “When we see the crafts and then the cattle, we have problems.”

Robert Bigelow

Wikimedia CommonsRobert Bigelow purchased the property three months after reading about the Sherman family's paranormal experiences. Under the National Institute for Discovery Science, he tried to figure out what caused them.

"You talk to a lot of people around here that at one time or another have seen something they can't explain," Terry Sherman added. "There's been a lot of cattle mutilations, and a lot of them weren't reported. Several [ranchers] told me that when they had a [mutilation], they called the authorities and the authorities couldn't do anything, so it was just a waste of time and effort."

While some in the region adamantly believe the Shermans, no concrete evidence of their accounts has confirmed their stories. On the other hand, the family was supposedly so terrified of their property that they sold it just 18 months after moving in.

It only took three months for Las Vegas real estate giant and UFO enthusiast Robert Bigelow to take it off their hands for \$200,000. This is when Skinwalker Ranch pivoted from being a UFO-centric place of interest to one of more earthly, demonic entities from Native American legend.

Skinwalker Stories

Before he left the property, Terry Sherman reported seeing a wolf three times bigger than normal at one point. He shot it three times with a rifle at close range — to no avail. And after Bigelow bought the property under the National Institute for Discovery Science, things got stranger.

Biochemist Colm Kelleher said that on the night of March 12, 1997, he saw a big humanoid figure perched on a tree. It was observing the research team.

Skinwalker Ranch Fence

Prometheus EntertainmentBigelow sold the property to a company called Adamantium Real Estate Holdings in 2016.

"The large creature that lay motionless, almost casually, in the tree," Kelleher said. "The only indication of the beast's presence was the penetrating yellow light of the unblinking eyes as they stared fixedly back into the light."

Kelleher said he fired at the figure before it vanished, but not before he noticed how it looked. The shape had sharp claws and resembled a predatory bird. He said it looked heavy. This description and later reported sightings seemed eerily reminiscent of Navajo legend.

According to The Navajo-English Dictionary by William Morgan and Leon Wall, the word skinwalker in Navajo translates to yee naaldlooshii, meaning "by means of it, it goes on all fours." The tribe is reluctant to discuss the legend with outsiders, making it all the more mysterious.

And with the ranch being 400 miles removed from Navajo Nation, the lack of answers made the sightings even more intriguing.

Private Property Sign On Skinwalker Ranch

YouTubeThe ranch is now fortified with barbed wire, private property signs, and armed guards.

According to Clyde Kluckhohn's Navaho Witchcraft, skinwalkers represent the opposite of Navajo values. While medicine men and healers of the tribe symbolize good, these shape-shifting witches represent evil.

Ultimately, Bigelow's institute was intended to confirm or disconfirm the existence of these beings in the area

by using modern equipment to garner evidence. Kelleher and investigative journalist George Knapp reportedly experienced nearly 100 incidents.

In the end, unfortunately, those involved admitted they had difficulty obtaining solid evidence. Bigelow sold the ranch to a company called Adamantium Real Estate Holdings in 2016. But according to VICE, research into the paranormal on the ranch has continued.

The Secret Of Skinwalker Ranch

The owner of Adamantium Holdings remains anonymous, though the History Channel is set to air a new documentary series filmed onsite on March 31, 2020. As one might guess, the shadowy figure seems rather convinced that something is indeed regularly occurring in the region.

“You know, facing the reality of our mortality is sobering,” the mysterious owner told VICE. “The anomalies at Skinwalker Ranch, the things that have been reported there over decades, if not hundreds of years. They seem to attest to the fact that we live in a strange universe. Perhaps we are not alone.”

“I think the opportunity to take a living laboratory like the ranch, a place that seems to be the center of gravity of so much of the unexplained, it is a unique experience. I manage and lead an effort that I believe is the greatest science project of all time.”

A trailer for a 2018 documentary about the ranch, *Hunt For The Skinwalker*.

Today, the ranch’s scientific project is run out of the Command Center — a high-tech hub designed by plasma physicist Erik Bard. The property is wired with surveillance systems set up to catch any strange activity.

In the last few years, numerous people on the site have become sick with mysterious illnesses. And many employees at the ranch have had disquieting experiences — even the head of security.

“I thought it was all a bunch of crap,” he said of the legends. “Then, one night, I’m in one of the bedrooms in the ranch house. I’m lying down trying to get to sleep, and then all of a sudden, BAM, something slams into my bed. It’s like when your kids jump into bed with you or someone big kneed the bed. I sit up and turn on the lights. Nothing’s there.”

This is one of the many stories people who have visited Skinwalker Ranch have told. But what exactly is happening on the famed Utah property remains unexplained by science.

Democratic Party = dictatorship (don't vote democrat) (2020-08-26 17:11)



Their Lenin statue is already here.

1. <https://static.seattletimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/c918f90c-8905-11e7-a321-5a782ea62ce4-780x1193.jpg>

15 best Defunct Game Developers (2020-08-29 22:13)

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15. Radical Entertainment (1991-2012)

Notable Games: *Prototype*, *The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction*, *The Simpsons: Hit & Run*

Industry observers talk a lot about the decline in mid-tier development over the past decade; that is, games that occupy that nebulous space between indie and big-budget “AAA” software. Radical Entertainment, which was founded

in 1991 and based in Vancouver, was the definition of a so-called “AA” developer, as the studio’s games were never top-tier experiences but were generally reliable, fun experiences nonetheless.

Radical achieved some of its biggest successes with quality licensed games such as *The Simpsons: Hit & Run* and *The Incredible Hulk: Ultimate Destruction*. The studio’s final releases were *Prototype* and *Prototype 2*, a pair of underrated open-world action games. Although *Prototype 2* gave Radical its biggest launch ever and was critically well-received, the game sold less than a million copies during its first two months, which led to Activision severely downsizing the studio. Today, Radical Entertainment still technically exists but as a shell of its former self, as it’s now used as a support studio for other Activision titles.



14. Guerrilla Cambridge (1989-2017)

Notable Games: *MediEvil*, *Killzone: Mercenary*, *RIGS*

Guerrilla Cambridge had several names over the course of its almost three decade-long existence. Known as Millennium Interactive during the mid-90s, the company was purchased by Sony in 1997 and renamed SCEE Cambridge Studio. The studio would develop 12 games under this name, including the PlayStation hit *MediEvil* in 1998.

In 2012, the studio was restructured as a subsidiary of Guerrilla Games, the Dutch-based developer behind *Killzone* and *Horizon Zero Dawn*. From this point, the Cambridge studio focused primarily on making *Killzone: Mercenary* for the ill-fated PlayStation Vita, which remains one of the most technically-impressive games on the handheld. Cambridge’s final game would end up being PlayStation VR multiplayer shooter *RIGS*, as Sony decided to close the studio in early 2017.



<https://www.vg247.com/2017/12/09/sir-daniel-returns-in-4k-in-medieval-remaster-for-playstation-4/> Source: VG247



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Lindsay Lohan's GTA V Lawsuit Allowed To Proceed

13. Silicon Knights (1992-2014)

Notable Games: *Blood Omen: Legacy of Kain*, *Eternal Darkness: Sanity's Requiem*, *Too Human*

During the late 1990s and early 2000s, Silicon Knights was one of Canada's leading video game development houses. The studio's best work included ***Blood Omen: Legacy of Kain*** – the first title in the Legacy of Kain franchise – as well as a pair of excellent Nintendo GameCube titles: ***Metal Gear Solid: The Twin Snakes*** and the cult classic ***Eternal Darkness: Sanity's Requiem***. Unfortunately, a partnership with Microsoft Games Studios in 2005 would eventually lead to the company's undoing.

Silicon Knights had been working on a game called ***Too Human*** since 1999 and planned to release a trilogy of games on the Xbox 360. The first and only game was released in 2008 after nearly a decade of development hell, and ended up being a massive commercial and critical failure. To make matters worse, a failed lawsuit against Epic Games put Silicon Knights in financial ruin and when the company's final game — the atrocious ***X-Men: Destiny*** — failed to make a splash, it was only a matter of time before the company declared bankruptcy, which it did in 2014.



Microsoft

12. Acclaim Entertainment (1987-2004)

Notable Games: *Turok*, *Burnout*, *Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX*

Much like Midway, Acclaim was once one of the biggest publishers in the business. Sure, it released a lot of crap over the years, but Acclaim was arguably one of the most important mid-tier publishers in the business during the 1990s and early 2000s, putting out such classic franchises as ***Turok***, ***Burnout***, and a variety of sports titles. However, things began to quickly unravel in the 2000s, with poor sales leading Acclaim to file for bankruptcy in 2004.



<https://www.videogamer.com/news/turok-1-and-2-are-coming-to-the-xbox-one-next>
VideoGamer.com

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Playstation VR Price and Release Date Revealed

11. Zipper Interactive (1995-2012)

Notable Games: *SOCOM U.S. Navy SEALs*, *Crimsons Skies*, *MAG*

The Redmond, Washington-based studio Zipper Interactive was founded in 1995 and started out developing games for Microsoft Games Studios, including the original *Crimsons Skies* in 2000. However, it would be with Sony that Zipper hit serious pay dirt, as they were the team behind the massively successful **SOCOM U.S. Navy SEALs** franchise. The **SOCOM** games almost single-handedly sold the PlayStation 2 network adapter and were an important component of Sony's online gaming initiative for the console.

Unfortunately, the studio failed to regain its footing once development moved to the PlayStation 3, as Zipper's hugely ambitious game **MAG** — which featured a record-setting 256 player online matches — failed to have staying power. Zipper's follow-up, **SOCOM 4**, had the misfortune of being released around the same time as the infamous PlayStation Network outage in 2011, which severely limited the game's impact. Zipper's last game was the disappointing third-person shooter **Unit 13** for the PlayStation Vita, as Sony shut the studio down just a few weeks after the game's North American release in 2012.



Zipper Interactive

10. Bizarre Creations (1988-2011)

Notable Games: *Project Gotham Racing*, *Geometry Wars: Retro Evolved*, *Blur*

Founded in 1988, Liverpool-based studio Bizarre Creations established a pedigree as a racing game-focused developer in the mid-90s with a series of Formula 1 games before going on to play an integral role in the early success of both

the Xbox and Xbox 360. On the original Xbox, Bizarre made a name for themselves with the popular **Project Gotham Racing** franchise before shifting gears in an unexpected way for the Xbox 360 launch in 2005. Though Bizarre delivered the well-received **Project Gotham Racing 3** as an Xbox 360 launch title, it was the company's addictive twin-stick shooter **Geometry Wars** that became a massive early success for the Xbox 360 and its fledgling Xbox Live Arcade service.

Unfortunately, things went downhill after Activision purchased Bizarre from Microsoft in 2007. Though the studio continued to put out great games, including a **Geometry Wars** sequel and the hugely underrated arcade racer **Blur**, the latter title was a sales disappointment and this, combined with a larger trend of new IP struggling to find success at that time, prompted Activision to start looking for buyers in late 2010. Three months later with no buyer found, Bizarre Creations officially closed after more than two decades in the business.



Bizarre Creations



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Final Fantasy XV Release Date Reportedly Leaked

9. Psygnosis/Sony Liverpool (1984-2012)

Notable Games: *Wipeout*, *Lemmings*, *Colony Wars*

Founded in 1984, Psygnosis spent its first decade developing games for a variety of platforms before being purchased by Sony Electronic Publishing in 1993. The studio became a key first-party developer for Sony's PlayStation when it launched in western territories in 1995, most notably the PS1 launch title **Wipeout**, a futuristic racer that launched a long-running franchise. Racing games would end up being Psygnosis' specialty, as the studio ended up making titles exclusively in this genre after being re-branded as Sony Liverpool in 2000.

Sadly, corporate restructuring led to Sony making the difficult decision to close Sony Liverpool in 2012. At the time of its closure, the studio was one of the UK's oldest video game developers and second largest of Sony's European group.

The Liverpool site still lives on and serves as an overseer of Sony-published games at other developers, but the studio itself is for all intents and purposes defunct.



Sony Liverpool

8. Lionhead Studios (1997-2016)

Notable Games: *Fable*, *Black & White*

Lionhead Studios was known for its distinctly British video games and its overenthusiastic visionary co-founder Peter Molyneux, who built a reputation over the years of overhyping his games, only to routinely under-deliver with the finished product. Still, separated from Molyneux's rhetoric, Lionhead's output speaks for itself. The studio's two biggest franchises were the god-sim **Black & White** and the RPG series **Fable**, the latter of which remains one of Microsoft's biggest Xbox exclusives. However, following the release of **Fable III** in 2010, things started to go downhill for Lionhead.

Disillusioned with the company's direction (Microsoft had them producing titles for the Kinect at this point), several veteran employees left in early 2012 and Molyneux himself soon followed. Following this, Lionhead's next major release was to be **Fable Legends**, a cooperative action game in development for the Xbox One. However, the game was cancelled by Microsoft in 2016 and Lionhead was closed down not long after, with many of the company's employees finding work with Molyneux's new studio 22 Cans and Two Point Studios, a developer founded by Lionhead co-founder Webley and several other ex-Lionhead staff members.



Microsoft Games Studios



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Oculus Rift Reveals 30 Games That Will Be Available At Launch

7. Free Radical Design (1998-2014)

The decline and eventual closure of Free Radical Design is arguably one of gaming's most tragic studio failure stories, as the English developer was truly one of the best at what it did. Free Radical is perhaps best remembered for ***Timesplitters***, a series of stylized and ridiculously fun first-person shooters that saw its final release in 2005. However, the loss of ***Timesplitters*** is just one reason to mourn Free Radical's demise, as it had been working on a third ***Star Wars Battlefront*** game from 2006-2008 that we know would have likely been awesome thanks to leaked gameplay footage.

Sadly, Lucasarts cancelled the game when it was said to be "99 % complete" and following the poor reception to Free Radical's PS3 shooter ***Haze*** in 2008, the company had no choice but to file for bankruptcy. For a brief period, there was reason to hope Free Radical would be alright, as the company was bought out by Crytek in 2009 and became known as Crytek UK, but the studio was ultimately shut down in 2014, with the majority of staff transferred to Dambuster Studios.



Free Radical

6. Ensemble Studios (1995-2009)

Notable Games: *Age of Empires*, *Age of Mythology*, *Halo Wars*

When it comes to real-time strategy games, few developers could rival the creations of Ensemble Studios during the company's heyday. Founded in 1995 in Dallas, Texas, Ensemble got their start with the beloved ***Age of Empires*** series, as well as developing ***Star Wars Galactic Battlegrounds*** for Lucasarts before being acquired by Microsoft in 2001. Under Microsoft's banner, Ensemble continued to be a top-tier RTS developer, putting out the ***Age of Mythology*** franchise and ***Age of Empire*** sequels throughout the 2000s.

The team's final game would end up being ***Halo Wars***, an RTS set in the popular [8]Halo universe that proved to be both a critical and commercial success. So why then did a revered studio that sold over 20 million games get shut down? According to company co-founder Bruce Shelley, [9]there were a variety of factors that went in to Microsoft's decision. In 2009, Shelley explained that a lack of diversity, oversized workforce, and the cancellation of two projects (including a Halo MMO) ultimately led to Ensemble's demise.

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Birds of a Feather: Joe Biden, Democrats, and the Rioting Mob (2020-08-30 20:32)

The contrast between the two conventions could not have been greater. Democrats painted a picture of a country you'd want to flee – a racist hellhole built on oppression, run by Adolf Hitler Jr. just waiting for his chance to seize

absolute power. Republicans praised the United States, highlighting uniquely American stories and the only country on the planet in which they could have happened. But behind it all lurks a contrast; truths Democrats hope people never find out about.

The Republican convention was so successful it chased Joe Biden out of his basement, now announcing he will do some public campaign events and maybe even take some questions from reporters. But the success of a pro-American message isn't the only, nor the biggest, problem facing Democrats. It's that their protectors in the media are no longer effective in hiding what Democrats in the street are really doing.

For three months, the continual riots, looting, fires, beatings of random people, and the non-stop attempted murder of police officers has gone largely unreported. "Mostly peaceful" became a bigger media catchphrase than "Where's the beef?" or "That's what she said" ever were in pop culture.

Now, with the deaths of two Black Lives Matter activists in Kenosha, the public can no longer be fooled. They saw the videos, they saw who the aggressors were. The narrative of an evil white supremacist simply shooting people he didn't like gave way to the reality of a kid being chased by a mob, then surrendering himself immediately to police. It also didn't help Democrats' claim that he was some sort of racist when his "victims" were all white.

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Were it not for social media and the unfiltered videos, you can only imagine how the story would've been spun and there's no way any Democrat, let alone Joe Biden, would have said much.

So how do riots leading to two deaths hurt Democrats, all the lies they've told leading up to them, and the lies scrambling to keep the truth hidden?

There was never anything peaceful about the liberal mob. For three months, they'd been destroying lives and livelihoods, none of which bothered Democrats. The slogan is "black lives matter," not "black livelihoods matter." The more businesses destroyed – largely black-owned businesses – the more people will become dependent on government.

They tried to blame President Trump for the violence, but their complete refusal to even acknowledge the violence, let alone denounce it, gave Republicans the field. You can't deny the sunrise; you can hate it all you like, but you can't deny it. Democrats tried to deny it.

Weird how the murder of two black men in Seattle's Black Lives Matter "autonomous zone" didn't bother Democrats, didn't spur them to concern. But a couple of white rioters get killed during an attack and suddenly they all become interested in extinguishing the flames they'd been fanning.

Worse, for them at least, is how brazen many Democrats are about the idea of violence and looting.

Author Vicky Osterweil, a Democrat not only justifying, but one of many, many actively encouraging looting, describes opposition to looting as "anti-blackness." She says, "One thing about looting is it freaks people out. But in terms of potential crimes that people can commit against the state, it's basically nonviolent. You're mass shoplifting. Most stores are insured; it's just hurting insurance companies on some level. It's just money. It's just property. It's not actually hurting any people."

She wasn't overheard expressing her ignorance of the concept of insurance and justifying violence at some coffee shop poetry slam. She said it, unchallenged, in an interview with NPR. This is mainstream Democratic Party thinking. They aren't even pretending anymore.

Four days of unfettered throne-sniffing media convention coverage, the ability to say anything they wanted, and not a single Democrat denounced the rioting mob. Not one note of concern for the innocent people beaten or the lives ruined. Now we're expected to believe they care, that they give a damn? Hell no. After all, they're the party of "silence equals consent," right?

The Republican convention was a celebration of the hope, a vision of who we are and an aspiration for what we can be.

Democrats demand you "celebrate diversity," but their convention was a non-stop parade of conformity and demonization of everyone refusing to bend to their will; they're an abusive boyfriend always calling their girlfriend fat and stupid. Republicans simply celebrated America, which happens to be wildly diverse. We'll find out if America wants to be in an abusive relationship with someone who constantly criticizes them or someone who actually loves the country.

Kyle Rittenhouse Speaks Out About Deadly Kenosha Shooting (2020-08-30 20:36)

Last week, 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse allegedly shot three men – two of which have died – during a riot in Kenosha. The teen is being charged as an adult and faces two counts of first-degree homicide, one count of attempted homicide, recklessly endangering the safety of two other victims and possessing a weapon while under the age of 18.

According to Pierce Bainbridge, the law firm representing Rittenhouse, his attorney was justified in using deadly force because Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D) and Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian failed to protect the residents in the city. Although Rittenhouse lives 30 minutes away in Antioch, Illinois, he works in Kenosha as a community lifeguard.

Bainbridge stated Rittenhouse decided to help a business owner defend his property from rioters who were threatening it.

"The business owner needed help to protect what he had left of his life's work, including two nearby mechanic's shops. Kyle and a friend armed themselves with rifles due to the deadly violence gripping Kenosha and many other American cities, and headed to the business premises," the statement said. "The weapons were in Wisconsin and never crossed state lines."

According to the attorney, police started to clear out the area following the city's 8 p.m. curfew. As the crowd dispersed, many moved towards the shops Rittenhouse was allegedly guarding, where they teased and taunted those protecting the businesses.

"His intent was not to incite violence, but simply to deter property damage and use his training to provide first aid to injured community members," the statement said. "After the crowd passed the premises and Kyle believed the threat of further destruction had passed, he became increasingly concerned with the injured protestors and bystanders congregating at a nearby gas station with no immediate access to medical assistance or help from law enforcement. Kyle headed in that direction with a first aid kit. He sought out injured persons, rendered aid, and tried to guide people to others who could assist to the extent he could do so amid the chaos."

Police allegedly blocked Rittenhouse's path back to the original shop. He received word that the owner's second shop down the street was the new target.

"As Kyle proceeded towards the second mechanic's shop, he was accosted by multiple rioters who recognized that he had been attempting to protect a business the mob wanted to destroy. This outraged the rioters and created a mob now determined to hurt Kyle. They began chasing him down. Kyle attempted to get away, but he could not do so quickly enough. Upon the sound of a gunshot behind him, Kyle turned and was immediately faced with an attacker lunging towards him and reaching for his rifle. He reacted instantaneously and justifiably with his weapon to protect himself, firing and striking the attacker," the statement explained. "Kyle stopped to ensure care for the wounded attacker but faced a growing mob gesturing towards him. He realized he needed to flee for his safety and his survival. Another attacker struck Kyle from behind as he fled down the street. Kyle turned as the mob pressed in on him and he fell to the ground. One attacker kicked Kyle on the ground while he was on the ground. Yet another bashed him over the head with a skateboard. Several rioters tried to disarm Kyle. In fear for his life and concerned the crowd would either continue to shoot at him or even use his own weapon against him, Kyle had no choice but to fire multiple rounds towards his immediate attackers, striking two, including one armed attacker. The rest of the mob began to disperse upon hearing the additional gunshots."

Following the shooting, Rittenhouse allegedly tried going directly to officers who ushered him away. Later that night, he turned himself in to Antioch police.

The attorneys representing Rittenhouse believe he was exercising his Second Amendment rights.

"A 17-year old child should not have to take up arms in America to protect life and property. That is the job of state and local governments. However, those governments have failed, and law-abiding citizens have no choice but to protect their own communities as their forefathers did at Lexington and Concord in 1775," the law firm's founder, John Pierce, said in a statement. "Kyle is not a racist or a white supremacist. He is a brave, patriotic, compassionate law-abiding American who loves his country and his community. He did nothing wrong. He defended himself, which is a fundamental right of all Americans given by God and protected by law."

Schiff's Latest Russia Warning Involves... Black Lives Matter? (2020-08-30 20:47)

Congressman Adam Schiff (D-CA) has spent the last two-and-a-half years telling Americans that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia to win the 2016 election. Despite hundreds of subpoenas and millions of dollars spent on the Mueller probe, the special counsel found no collusion took place. But that doesn't stop Schiff from continuing to make the claim.

In fact, on Sunday, Schiff made the ridiculous argument that the Russians infiltrated the Black Lives Matter movement as a way of getting President Trump reelected.

"In terms of what we can expect from the Russians and what the Russians are doing, the Russian four years ago, Dana, exploited Black Lives Matter. They set up their own false flags online to try and divide people on racial lines," he told CNN's Dana Bash. "There are, once again, doing their best in social media, in their overt media, and other means to grow these divisions."

Schiff said Americans should be concerned over the growing division that's "aggravating these tensions in our cities."

"We also have to worry about the Russians pushing out the president's false narratives about voting by mail," he said.

According to the congressman, President Trump is "willfully fanning the flames of violence" because it helps his re-election efforts.

"The president is only motivated by one thing: what's in it for him. And he sees this violence and his ability to agitate it as more useful to his campaign," Schiff said.

Rep. Adam Schiff: "The president is willfully fanning the flames of this violence... They believe the violence is helpful to them." [1]<https://t.co/brqA3hZtq6> [2]pic.twitter.com/H2p89jY94n — The Hill (@thehill) [3]August 30, 2020

At what point will Schiff realize that the Russians have nothing to do with the BLM movement? At what point will he open his eyes and realize that maybe, just maybe, the violence that's taking place in this country is because groups like Antifa are looting and rioting. Or maybe he'll suddenly realize that the violence continues because Democrats are afraid to lay down the law and stop the chaos that's ruining communities.

If President Trump was "fanning the flames of violence," then he wouldn't offer to send in the National Guard. He wouldn't offer to send whatever resources governors and mayors need to stop the rioting.

Schiff did get one thing right though: the rioting and violence is good for the president's reelection campaign, especially when Democrats have no control over their cities and governors refuse his help. Trump can at least say he tried to make the effort to help but was rejected at every turn. Schiff is mad that this is benefiting the president positively, without Trump having to lift a finger.

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September market crash (2020-09-02 17:54)

Every month of 2020 has brought a different disaster in extraordinary proportions. Many of us have been waiting to see what events would be unfolded in September, considering everything that has been piling up until now. The evidences are pointing to an imminent stock market crash, which is likely to be triggered by the end of the month. Even the most enthusiastic market supporters are now admitting that the proportions of the bubble that has been created throughout the summer are completely ground-breaking and it probably wouldn't be sustained for much longer without bursting. As we mentioned in previous videos, many signs are stressing that it is only a matter of time before a major stock market crash comes. In today's video, we're going to show you how these signs have developed over the past days, and - SPOILER ALERT- things have gotten even uglier. It's impossible to escape from a stock market crash at this point, so stay with us and enjoy your daily dose of gloominess. Over the last trading sessions, stock prices have dramatically plummeted. Analysts have been discussing that things can stabilize for a little while before everything starts to collapse again, as we know, it's the calm before the storm. Whether the crash will be triggered this month, the next, or towards the end of the year, it is happening and it will drag things down the rock bottom. Last Tuesday, some indicators already outlined a considerable decline in the markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped another 632 points, but that was just the tip of the iceberg. Much more alarming was the fact that the Nasdaq fell further 4.1 percent, meaning it has now shrunk over 10 percent since last week, when it had hit a brand new record high. This has only happened two times since 2001. It is very unusual for the Nasdaq to fall at such a fast pace over the course of three trading sessions, and the index is now officially in correction territory, with some pretty daunting losses. The six biggest tech stocks have been hit particularly hard, with losses adding up to 1 trillion dollars during a three-day stretch, right after coming off a huge rally that peaked last week. As reported on the news, "Apple, which hit a \$2 trillion market cap on Aug. 19, is down about \$325 billion in that time period. Microsoft's down \$219 billion, Amazon fell \$191 billion, Alphabet cratered by \$135 billion, and Tesla, which fell 21 % on Tuesday to mark its worst single-day loss in its history, is down \$109 billion in the last three days. Finally, Facebook is off by \$89 billion." That is to say, in less than a week, one trillion dollars were gone and if you have trouble imagining how much would

that be, we'll quote once again the clever and spot-on comparison Michael Snyder has made in the latest article of his blog: "A trillion dollars is a serious amount of money. If you had started spending a million dollars every single day when Jesus was born, you still wouldn't have spent a trillion dollars by now. So we are talking about a giant pile of money that is almost unimaginable." If we analyze this data according to history, this is a marker for a downturn of at least two-thirds in stock prices in the long run. Also, historically, it is during the fall that the market faces the biggest waves of volatility. So, at the moment, all we can do is wait to see what will be the trigger that will push the stock markets over the edge, because there are so many determinants to this crisis that are stacking up that it won't take too long before everything finally collapses.

Why DC Statehood Is a Suicidal Gamble (2020-09-04 15:53)

When U.S. cities erupted after the death of George Floyd, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser was in the vanguard of the protests, renaming a section of downtown Black Lives Matter Plaza, and painting the name in letters on the street so huge they could be seen from space.

Thursday, however, Bowser awoke to those same BLM protesters yelling outside her home, denouncing a "D.C. police murder of a Black Man," and demanding the mayor fire Police Chief Peter Newsham.

18-year-old Deon Kay had been shot and killed Wednesday afternoon in an encounter with cops. While this was the fifth shooting by D.C. cops this year, it was the first fatality.

There have been 130 other homicides in D.C. in 2020, mostly of Black folks that involved other Black folks, and not the cops.

"We believe the suspect had a gun at the time," Newsham told reporters. Witnesses challenged the chief's claim.

But this is only the latest problem bedeviling Bowser.

While she has been blaming "outside agitators" for the mayhem in the city, the Washington Times reports that 82 percent of the 541 people arrested for riot-related crimes were residents of D.C., Maryland or Virginia.

On Tuesday, the mayor's office made national news by releasing a list of monuments and memorials in Washington that should be "removed, replaced or contextualized." Among them are the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial and Columbus' statue at Union Station.

The name of Alexander Graham Bell should be erased from Bell Multicultural High School, Bowser's working group said. Like Winston Churchill and Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, the inventor of the telephone believed in eugenics.

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Presidents James Madison, author of the Constitution, John Tyler, who annexed Texas, and Zachary Taylor, who led the U.S. army to victory in the Mexican-American War, are also candidates for having their memorials and monuments "replaced, removed or contextualized."

Woodrow Wilson's name should be removed from Wilson high, and the names of Founding Father Ben Franklin and author of the national anthem Francis Scott Key should be erased from buildings named in their honor.

Eleanor Holmes Norton, the D.C. nonvoting representative in Congress, explained that the working group formed by Bowers to look into monuments and memorials did not mean the statues were to be pulled down but that plaques should be added informing visitors that these sites are dedicated to men who had a perverted view of human rights.

Norton wants the Emancipation Proclamation statue featuring Abe Lincoln and an unshackled slave, unveiled at an 1876 ceremony attended by President Grant, at which Frederick Douglass spoke, removed. She also wants the statue of Andrew Jackson in Lafayette Square removed.

Yet, it was General Jackson who saved the Union from being torn apart at the 1815 Battle of New Orleans, while the defenders of Washington and the White House fled from the attacking British, letting the nation's capital be burned in August of 1814.

D.C. officials are today running away from the plans of the mayor's working group, but those plans testify powerfully to what an act of folly and a capitulation to political correctness it would be for the Congress to vote statehood for D.C., as Nancy Pelosi's House did this year.

D.C. is unrepresentative of America and undeserving in any way to be raised to statehood. Since given the franchise 60 years ago, it has never voted Republican for president. Its three electoral votes have gone to the Democrats in every election since LBJ in '64. Republican nominee Donald Trump got 4 percent of the D.C. vote. Hillary Clinton got 90 percent, a margin of 22-1.

Moreover, D.C. has a smaller population than 19 other American cities and is smaller in geographic size than 150 other U.S. cities. Rhode Island, our smallest state, is geographically 20 times the size of D.C.

The D.C. government has been in the headlines countless times for personal scandals and financial crises. One four-term mayor, Marion Barry, was sent to prison and returned to be reelected to office.

As for D.C. public schools, the problem is not that they are named for presidents but that they produce some of the lowest test scores in the nation.

More significant, as the protests, attended by riots since May, have shown, the D.C. government, a hostile province when a Republican is in the White House, is the domicile of a permanent regime of leftist and radical media, tens of thousands of federal and city bureaucrats, lawyers and lobbyists, all yoked to big government.

As the "peaceful protests" of June and July showed, with Georgetown sacked and statues demolished, D.C.'s government is an incompetent custodian of the nation's historic monuments and memorials, and incapable of protecting the White House.

What does Joe Biden, who approved of the removal of statues of Confederate soldiers, generals and statesmen, think of D.C.'s scheme to "remove, replace or contextualize" the statues of so many men who held the office he now seeks?

Defunding the Police Is Dangerous and Foolish (2020-09-04 15:57)

I nominate Police Chief Brian Manley of Austin, Texas, for law enforcement officer of the year.

Police officers swear an oath to serve and protect the people of their community. It is a high calling that, lately, has been characterized by increasingly high risk and diminishing reward as Democrat-led cities across the country dance to the faint tune of their puppet masters on the radical left, slashing essential funds from police departments that go in harm's way every day. In Austin, no one would likely blame Chief Manley for turning in his badge and seeking employment elsewhere, but, instead, he is standing in the gap for the community he has sworn to serve.

After the Austin City Council gutted the police budget to the tune of some \$150 million dollars and canceled the next three cadet classes, Manley responded with a restructuring proposal that sent a clear message from an individual who not only understands public safety, but is willing to fight for the people he protects. As the Austin city council dreams of a socialist utopia where the biggest threat is exhaustion from tiptoeing through the tulips hand-in-hand with the "previously misunderstood" (aka "criminals"), Manley is making plans based on the reality of human nature, and the timeless need for guardians to protect the innocent.

Chief Manley, a veteran with decades of experience in "community policing" based on personal relationships between patrol officers and the neighborhoods they protect, understands that the most important member of the force is a beat cop. So, in his latest response to the social engineering happening in city hall, he called for the ranks of beat cops to be replenished with officers who have been sitting behind desks, running a special DWI interdiction unit or providing executive protection for the very mayor who has been calling for them to be defunded. (It would be appropriate for the reader to make the "chef's kiss" gesture at this moment...) He also recommends pulling officers from a special task force that tracks gang members to fill the necessary patrols.

Without Manley's moves, the impact of City Council's reckless cuts would be felt for years in the form of depleted patrol officer ranks, further distancing police officers from the communities they serve. Manley knows that's unacceptable, so he has done what any good guardian of the public trust would do and called for putting experienced bodies back on the street.

There is no doubt that there is some political theater being played out in Austin, but it's clear that one character, Manley, has the best interests of the community in mind. His Democrat antagonists, Mayor Adler and the braying chorus of the City Council, are motivated only by the desire to win headlines and the approval of America's socialist left, consequences be damned. Unfortunately, there are lives at stake in this drama. Thank goodness the hero of the narrative in our state's capitol city is siding with the people he is sworn to protect.

I actually pity the people who live in Austin full time (as a citizen legislator, I get to live at home and run my business when the Legislature is not in session) and other Democrat-led cities like Portland, Chicago and Seattle, because they're being used as bit characters in a show that's no longer about them. Instead, they're consigned to watch helplessly as their cities' crime rates increase and the attractiveness of once-great towns is buried beneath litter from the burgeoning homeless communities and the damage left behind by rioters.

Before it's too late, I hope those citizens will stand up, speak up and be heard on the topic of well-funded police forces and the non-negotiable importance of public safety. They would do well by holding up the example of Chief Manley and make it clear to their leftwing city leaders that public safety matters far more than their egos or national reputations.

The Democrats Hold the Nation Hostage (2020-09-04 15:59)

As America's cities literally burn to ashes and violent crime spikes to its highest level in decades, Joe Biden, the Democratic Party and their media apologists have coalesced around their talking point. "This is happening in Donald Trump's America," they bellow in unison from the command posts of high society.

Let's be blunt: This is an offensively stupid talking point. The rubes and yokels in flyover America – the river valley dwellers that the bicoastal elites love to hate – may lack the hoity-toity social norms befitting SoHo or

Haight-Ashbury, but they have their own pair of eyes intact. And they can see just as well as anyone else that the current scourge of anarchic savagery tearing asunder urban and suburban America seems to be the exclusive phenomena of leftist, Democratic Party-controlled jurisdictions.

They can see just as well as anyone else that the feckless leaders in charge of these jurisdictions often ruinously defy federal assistance, opting for the sort of banal "Orange Man Bad!" taunting better suited for echo-chamber Twitter plaudits than the type of selfless statesmanship required by a proper politics. And they can see just as well as anyone else that nary a single prominent elected Democratic official has unequivocally and forcefully condemned the insurrectionist antifa-Black Lives Matter coalition seeking to burn down the republic in one great act of civilizational arson.

They can see that these are, as Matthew Peterson of the Claremont Institute recently put, the Democratic Party's riots.

But Biden, Sen. Kamala Harris and the Democrats are not content with merely gaslighting the American people into questioning whether they can believe their own lying eyes. They are not content with merely abetting – sometimes tacitly and sometimes actively – the calamitous, murderous ruination of large swaths of America's urban corridors.

Rather, through the constant drumbeating of their farcical "this is happening in Trump's America" talking point, the Democrats – the puppet masters of our present anarchy – are offering a quid pro quo to the American people: This violence is happening because Trump is president, so vote for us and we will stop the violence. The unstated but remarkably clear implication is that the looting, rioting and violence will go on if Trump is reelected. If Trump is reelected, the puppet masters will permit the antifa and BLM puppets to continue their free rein, driving a riven nation ever closer to a lethal abyss.

This is a hostage situation. The Democrats are taking the American people hostage, holding a proverbial gun to their heads and issuing a thinly veiled threat to vote for them to make the bloodletting stop – or else the carnage will continue apace.

This is extraordinarily immoral behavior completely unbecoming of a major political party. Alas, it is hardly the first time that leading Democrats have taken the nation hostage and threatened bloodshed if they do not get their way. Fort Sumter comes to mind.

The Democrats may think they can fool the American people, hoodwinking them into believing that those woebegone denizens mugging bystanders and vandalizing storefronts are MAGA hat-clad neofascists. But the Democrats are wrong. The American people are simply not that gullible, not that easily misled and not that easily duped. They know that the violence is happening in decades-long progressive bastions such as Portland, Oregon, and Seattle. They know that leading national Democrats, such as Biden and Harris, have utterly failed to condemn the antifa-BLM wellspring of the present barbarism. They know that these same Democrats could call off their street-thug jackals if they wanted to do so – and that their failure to call them off belies their desire to see the mayhem continue.

The stakes this November are very, very high. The election is a referendum on many things. It is a referendum on whether America is a systemically racist and irredeemably flawed nation. It is a referendum on the goodness and justness of the American idea. And now we can add one more to the mix: It is a referendum on whether American voters are as offensively stupid as Democrats seem to believe they are.

Minnesota Biography (Chapter 2) (2020-09-05 15:04)

I was in Minnesota before at least 3800 times. I drove to Woodbury to obtain education at Rasmussen College . I worked at Circuit City in Woodbury.

I was in Minneapolis, and (Como zoo) St. Paul many times. In was at Mall of America every year (Bloomington) of the 21st century (6 times in 1990s). I went to Calvin Academy in 7 - 8th grade and 9-10th grade where I met city kids. I was the guthery theater. I was at the Minneapolis Institutes of Arts 4 times, Science Museum of Minnesota 10 times, and History Museum 3 times. Minnesota Zoo 3 times. I was in Forest Lake once.

I was in Stillwater a couple of times looking at Gamestop and Hi Score games. I worked at PC Network Services in Stillwater.

I was in Mankato eight times in 2010s at Minneopa State park and visiting family. On Areavibes, Mankato has a little lower score then Roberts, Wisconsin due to property theft. The opportunities are larger then just Laptop Chips. There was nepotism of family businesses and age 30+ ageism in Roberts, Wisconsin.

My Google searching Minnesota vs. Wisconsin, Minnesotans are healthier overall over Wisconsin even though the booze / DWI is actually worst in Minnesota in one county. Wisconsin is better for sports, has more population / lower state GDP, and lower taxes. Wisconsin has [1]Wisconsinsucks.com.

The night life is better in Minnesota.

Minnesota has more government programs even though the Governor Waltz slashed spending the 3rd month I was a resident. I'm a millennial, and I don't have the baby boomers decades long work history at one job with only an associate degree vs. kinda hard to get by for a millennial. Baby boomers had the GI Bill for college degrees and multi-decades long money market mutual funds. The baby boomers even purchased a house.

1. <http://Wisconsinsucks.com/>

Left-Wing Media Have Jumped the Shark (2020-09-07 21:52)

The Grandpa Badfinger Turgid Poll Lead Fact Check Test is this: Do you know anyone who has gone from supporting Donald Trump in 2016 to supporting that basement-dwelling commie puppet weirdo in 2020?

I know zero people.

I don't mean "practically zero" or "a few." I mean zero. Nil. None. That blank is emptier than the space between Gropey J's ears.

Now is this scientific? Am I denying science again? You know, the science that has Trump ahead in the polls that tended to be more on-target in 2016 and a dozen points back in the mainstream media outlets' polls that invariably support the mainstream media outlet's political agendas? That science?

No, it's not scientific. It's anecdotal, but then when it comes to the mainstream media, I'd always believe an anecdote over what the media is telling me. Of course, I'd believe a guy trying to sell me magic beans if the New York Times ran a story trashing him.

Let's take a moment to reflect on what utter garbage the mainstream media, how it is a bubbling cauldron of bovine processed pasture reeking of lies and liberalism. You won't see any evidence of the migration away from the failed Democrat establishment there. You'll barely see any coverage of that doddering, demented freak babbling his way through sparsely attended photo ops on the rare occasions he staggers out of his creepy sex dungeon to go visit [1]a racist nut (BTW, Google tries really, really hard to ensure you can't easily find stories chronicling this guy's long history of pro-Farrakhan, anti-Semitic, anti-white, and anti-Christian idiocy).

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What you've seen are coordinated anonymous-sourced stories designed to distract from The Botox Bloweroutter's staggering hypocrisy, the plunging unemployment numbers, and the aforementioned evidence that Oldfinger is a mush-guzzling *Matlock* junkie fit not for the Oval Office but for a room upstairs where he can watch his stories in peace whilst wearing a shawl.

If only someone would write a book on the defamation agenda of our trash elite and its media gimps titled, say, [5]*The 21 Biggest Lies about Donald Trump (and You!)*.

But the slander flex is no longer working. The "Trump hates the vets" lie lasted about 12 hours and then died. Gone. Kaput. No one bought it, not even its purveyors. No one switched sides because of this manifest bullSchiff, except maybe toward Trump. No one said "Yeah, the party that parties with Jane Fonda is the party us vets should back." Particularly amusing was the Democrat's new position on the Vietnam War. They are now for it again, which completes the circle since they started it and lost it. Also hilarious was the idea you were going to make conservatives like Trump less because he said mean things about John McCain. Put that right up there with "Trump nailed Playboy playmates!" on the "This is not going to work out how you think it will" shelf.

The fact is no one is moving to Biden. No one is saying "Sure, I love Trump's leadership in foreign policy, his rebuild of the military, his ending endless wars, his tax cuts, the economy, the regulatory reform, the protection of speech, religious and gun rights, and the conservative judges, but, you know, then The Atlantic came along and assured us that four anonymous sources implied that Trump was insufficiently reverent toward some guys who were in World War I and now I have no choice but elect the Marxist marionette who can't keep his fingers to himself."

No one.

No one is falling for this. The only effect is that it makes us all eager to low-crawl over the shattered glass of a thousand of Biden's Ensure bottles to pull the lever for President Trump.

This desperate lying is not proof of strength but of weakness. And the Democrats are desperate because the wheels have come off the rickety [6]Rascal that is the Biden campaign. The evidence is clear. Blacks are refusing to fall into line behind the Democrats and significant numbers are abandoning his sinking ship. Hispanics are rejecting Democrats. Suburbanites are realizing that electing that desiccated plagiarist with a 47-year track record of DC failure means defunded cops, hi-fived crooks, and riots in their neighborhoods. Oh, and taxes going up as their 401(k)s go down, the latter not mattering much since the Democrat platform/manifesto promises to trash their retirement savings program.

Who are the people leaving Trump? Where are they? The media trots out the same pack of rejected ex-GOP losers every few weeks under some new banner – "Republicans for Decency," "Decent Republicans Against Trump," "Trump-Hating Republicans for Biden and Decency," or "Decent Decency People of Decency Who Were Republican But Aren't Now Because of Trump, Who Is Not Decent." These inflatable goofs all hated Trump in 2016 for derailing their gravy train. These were the cruise ship conservatives who spent decades conserving nothing except their own tacky sinecures – and they hate him still today. They are many things, all bad, but they are not recent converts to the Democrat cult.

No one is leaving Trump for Biden. I poll folks on Twitter and masculinity-challenged libs with pronouns in their bios solemnly inform me that their parents back in Kansas who were life-long Republicans have been compelled, sorrowful at their party having lost its way, to vote for the crusty crustacean because of his horrible horribleness. But it's pretty clear that mom and dad back in Topeka only told young Kaden this because if they told him the truth – that ma and pa were all aboard the Trump Train – he would start crying and embarrass them all over again.

You can't believe the polls. If the media will lie about everything else, lying about a poll to help their zombie get elected is hardly a lie too far – and there is literally no other evidence supporting the notion that the Democrats might win. Biden is buyin' air time in states all the smart people of smartness informed us were in the bag. He's emerged

from his crypt and engaged in at least the simulacrum of a campaign. His signs are nowhere to be seen while Trump signs are popping up. I even saw one on a house here in Ted Lieu's district. But most of all, no one's abandoning Trump.

The Democrats are in a panic. You're seeing it when they drop stale stories "supported" by mystery sources that even carbohydrate-curious losers like Brian Stelter, who is a potato, says ought to come out and speak their lies in public. They got nothing.

We got this. We're winning. Now let's run up the score. Let's take back the House (If you live in a hell district like me, give money to a guy like Army vet [7]Sean Parnell who is running in a district we can win). Let's see those liberal tears flow on election night!

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China's Dark Turn (2020-09-09 13:58)

"I'm more anti-China than you!"

That's a new theme of this election.

Joe Biden says, "We will never again be at the mercy of China!" Donald Trump replies, "China would own our country if Joe Biden got elected!"

It's strange to hear competition, because just a few administrations ago, presidents were eager to celebrate China. "A future of greater trade and growth and human dignity is possible!" said George W. Bush. Bill Clinton praised China's "positive change" and "great progress."

What changed? That's the subject of my new video.

Presidents Clinton and Bush were excited about China because its dictators had finally opened up China's economy. They got rid of price controls, broke up collective farms, allowed foreign investment and privatized state-run business. China, suddenly, prospered.

"People were so happy to finally see China being set on this path," says Melissa Chen, who reports on China for the Spectator. The reforms "lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty for the very first time."

Then, three years ago, Xi Jinping got himself named president for life.

He cracked down on speech, even jokes. After someone noted his resemblance to Winnie the Pooh, all mentions of the character were deleted from China's internet.

I had thought the internet couldn't be censored. Bill Clinton said it would be like "trying to nail Jell-O to the wall."

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"The Chinese figured out how to nail Jell-O to the wall," says Chen. "They built an almost perfectly walled-in internet."

China does this by employing a million censors. They block Google, Facebook, Twitter and most Western news media. A few computer-savvy Chinese citizens use forbidden apps to get around the censorship, but most don't get to see the same internet that we see.

People caught accessing banned sites are punished. Police may barge into your home, threaten your family or just restrict your choices.

"You can't make doctor's appointments," explains Chen. "You can't travel... they'll block you from buying a train ticket or a plane ticket."

Life is far worse for religious minorities such as the Muslim Uighurs. The government is waging cultural genocide against them.

About a million Uighurs are locked up in "reeducation" camps, "sometimes for years," says Chen. "Their family never hears back from them."

China won't allow reporters near the camps, but drone footage shows rows of blindfolded people with their heads shaved and their hands tied behind their backs.

Radio Free Asia adds that China's "reeducation" methods even include having Chinese men replace the Uighur men in families. They "come in and live with a family (and) sleep in the same bed as the wife," says Chen.

In short, today's China is, once again, a vicious communist dictatorship.

So, I'm amazed to watch American protesters and hear them say, "America is the world's biggest problem."

Even a recent New York Times editorial board member wrote that it was difficult to know whether the United States is "better, worse, or the same" as China.

That equivalence is "bonkers," replies Chen. "There should be no doubt about the moral equivalence between the two countries."

For one thing, we Americans are free to criticize our government.

"You can hold up a sign at a protest, saying, 'Screw Donald Trump; the United States sucks!'" explains Chen. "You cannot do anything remotely similar in China."

People in Hong Kong tried. Millions attended protests, often waving American flags. Chen says it shows they "have a hankering for American values. They crave this freedom that we take for granted."

Now they, too, have been silenced by China's government.

The American protesters who carry "democratic socialism" banners and wave Communist flags (Soviet Communists used to call people like them "useful idiots") should know what people in Hong Kong know: Socialism leads to real government oppression.

"Why would Americans want this?" asks Chen. "Why would they be waving these Communist flags, wanting socialism?"

This Is Why America's Bankrupt Government Will Fail To Save The Economy From A Disaster (2020-09-10 17:33)

The American economy is facing a complex dilemma - while it's drowning in debt it also needs to create more debt to avoid deeper damages in the already hurt Main Street economy. In simple terms, it needs at least another 3 trillion in fiscal stimulus to support American families and businesses to survive and prevent unemployment rates and business bankruptcies to continue soaring every week. However, the American debt is so high that it is forecasted to exceed the entire size of the economy and surpass the GDP growth for the next years, which indicates that at this point, the very least we can expect is half a decade in deep recession. That's why today we decided to scrutinize some recent studies to show you what are the forthcoming troubles in the next chapters of the US economic collapse. So stay with us and don't forget to hit the like and subscribe button to support our community. Yesterday, chief economist at Milken Institute, William Lee told CNBC the US needed at least \$3 trillion in fiscal stimulus to support its economy, which has been highly affected by the global sanitary crisis, but it has been suffering for a long time before the current outbreak. While Congress and the White House remain in an impasse over what to comprise in the next relief package, the economist affirmed that these \$3 trillion should be used to develop programs such as incentivizing businesses to increase remote working capabilities and helping the unemployed find jobs in companies with viable business models. So far, from the trillions of dollars printed and injected into the economy, most of it ended up on financial markets and were not effectively used in the benefit of the population nor with the intent to keep businesses safe. On the contrary, it has stimulated big businesses to file for bankruptcy, furloughing millions of workers, not to compromise CEOs' profits, most of which surely knew their companies would be bailed out by the Fed or the markets. The Fed's lack of planning in asset purchasing and strategics also stimulated such large corporations to lay-off their workers at a record pace so they wouldn't be responsible to provide for their workers anymore or compromise their wealth during the crisis because the government would be in charge of that. The government fell into the market's trap and had to be responsible not only for the workers, by granting stimulus checks, but also for the companies, by "saving" these large corporations, that weren't broke in the first place, and neglecting aid to small businesses that didn't employ as many people. Otherwise, workers wouldn't be reinserted in the job market again and the economy would crash right there. As time passes by, more and more stimulus is required in the financial markets, since CEO's realized that they can demand whatever they want, because the government has to keep injecting money into the financial markets or face the threat of this designed economic collapse, which will affect the whole population, while the affluent 1 % will continue to thrive.... In a nutshell, our entire analysis aimed to prove to you that our leaders are aware of a way out of this crisis but are preferring to take a different turn. They're not interested in fixing the problem, just band-aiding it for the time being and leaving this massive debt for the future generations to deal with. The economic collapse won't be a phasis or a chapter in US history. It will be a constant because that's how the system works. That's how money is made. Prepare to see taxes raising, prices soaring, little to no effort in governmental policies to keep people from starving, or living in the streets. Millions of jobs won't ever come back and several companies will never open their doors ever again. It is nauseating but is true. America is doomed, but you're not. We are not slaves to the system as they want us to believe we are. Choose to know. Choose to act. What are you waiting for?

We're Not Stupid (2020-09-10 18:11)

Bob Woodward has a new book out. It's supposedly bad for the sitting Republican president, released two months before the general election. It's deemed "worse than Watergate." Wash. Repeat. Are we seriously still doing this?

Are we really going to treat this as some ordinary election cycle with some ordinary Republican in office? Does the media still think their ordinary reaction to a predictable, ordinary book will elicit an ordinary public reaction? Sincerely, I'm asking.

When you're really forced to think about the time in which we live, the men from which to choose as candidates, and the hellscape our once-great American cities have become – to even consider Bob Woodward's book as something upon which your vote would hinge is perhaps the dumbest thing one could ponder.

Everyone understands what this election is about. The old, tired guy who's been a public official for nearly 50 years is now used as a prop to allow the radicals hiding behind him a seat at the table without having to actually campaign honestly and openly.

Then there's the sitting, bombastic president who's way too open at times. He doesn't need this gig another year, never mind his opponent's 47 already logged. Nor does he care for the ways of Washington or levers of power. He wants a second term to complete an agenda on which he ran. Then, like career in real estate and development, he'll move on to the next project. He'll likely never set foot back in that cesspool called Washington D.C. where his opponent has made his home for half a century.

Everyone understands the people who cling to power and the trappings of political office and the media who make their livings sniffing thrones hate the president's guts as much today as they did four years ago.

We all understand America is still made up of two kinds of voters. Those who believe their voices should matter when it comes to sending our men and women into harm's way, keeping more of our disposable income in our pockets, where our kids go to school, our right to defend ourselves and to speak freely, and honoring our cops and our flag. You know, "deplorables."

The rest vote for the geriatric guy from Delaware and the screeching lady who ran before him who coughed and fell a lot. Seriously, their nominees aren't well people.

We all understand where we've been as a country. No one is unclear. A roaring economy that put more minorities and women to work than at any time in history. We watched a crushing defeat of international terrorism. We watched the country become energy independent and awash in our own resources. Prison reform, tax reductions, school choice, celebrating and beefing up our military after it had been gutted. The conventions covered it well a couple of weeks ago.

We understand the other side wants to "build back better" even though no one knows what that means including the guy saying it. We understand the other side is furiously, deliriously angry every day their eyes open. They *hate* that guy in the White House, but most can't personally tell you why in a specific way.

So, many of them took to the streets this summer and burned and looted American cities and businesses. The celebrity and athlete culture cheered the behavior and continued to remind their audiences America was largely comprised of rotten, racist, unjust devils, and that there could be no time for leisure, laughs, or love because "justice," or something.

Before our cities descended into chaos, a virus swept the globe. It came from China, a nation that lied and hid the severity of the outbreak with the help of the World Health Organization. It shut down our economy. It restricted our freedom of movement. Media worked overtime to scare the hell out of every American until they were paralyzed with fear or their personal lives were ruined socially, economically, or both.

Today, many of the nation's school kids are staring at screens from home instead of socializing with others, engaging in sports, and doing activities. Parents are literally in tears and desperation as they try to council the kids through the needless cyber void while trying to meet their own professional and personal obligations.

Restaurants and bars and small businesses are only allowed to be open some of the time with partial customer volume while following strict “safety” protocols from their respective dictatorial local governments. Those who haven’t closed are hanging on for their financial lives. Meanwhile we catch governors, congressional leaders, and mayors flouting the same rules.

Our urban city centers are sweeping up glass and charred remains of many minority-owned businesses and homes while indiscriminate gun violence kills dozens weekly in cities like Chicago. At the same time, a growing pop-culture movement makes it fashionable to attack and defund law enforcement officers while martyring criminals. The American public isn’t stupid. They see what’s going on and they’ve chosen a side. We’ll see what that looks like in a few weeks. But please shut up about Bob Woodward’s stupid

Wine Careers Are the Embodiment of the American Dream But the Left Is Trying to Destroy Them (2020-09-10 18:20)

A recent article from the San Francisco Chronicle cast wine professionals in a rather unflattering light and asserted that certain practices of sommeliers and wine journalists were actually racist. The author insisted that tasting terminology used by sommeliers and wine writers leaned too heavily on European influence and catered only to those of European heritage.

The author Esther Mobley, who is credited as the San Francisco Chronicle’s wine critic, [1]explains how she came to the conclusion that wine tasting terminology is racist and sexist to boot.

Wine language is so often absurd that it’s a punchline. Notes of smoldering tobacco or forest underbrush or underripe Jonagold apple — it sounds almost farcical in its specificity. Even worse is when the descriptor is inedible. How many people have actually tasted a wet river stone, anyway?

But now, it’s becoming clearer than ever that the conventional language used to describe wine isn’t merely intimidating and opaque. It’s also inextricable from racism and sexism, excluding dimensions of flavor that are unfamiliar to the white, Western cultures that dominate the world of fine wine and reinforcing retrograde notions of gender.

For years, I worked in this industry as both a sommelier, certified by the famed Court of Master Sommeliers, and as a wine journalist. And from experience, I can say the learning curve to get to the summit of wine professionalism is staggering for anyone, regardless of their ethnicity or country of origin.

But far from racist or sexist, the wine industry is actually a bastion for inclusion and equal opportunity. Any person, from any background, can achieve the greatest success in the wine expert field as long as they are willing to put the work in. It is not limited only to those born into a wealthy family; it is not limited only to those with expensive graduate degrees and it certainly excludes no person based on their biological sex or race.

It is not, however, easy, under any circumstances. I didn’t grow up in a wine family or among the great vineyards of Europe. I fell in love with the idea of wine tasting in my twenties while working as a server in a restaurant, a job widely acknowledged to be one of the lowest skill requirement professions available.

Despite my western European ancestry, as Mobley implied, I wasn’t privy to most of the flavors and aromas more tenured wine pros were describing to me. Instead of slamming down my tasting glass and proclaiming the learning process “unfair,” however, I went out and figured out what some of this stuff tasted and smelled like. It turned out, that wasn’t particularly hard. And I learned to be a good cook in the process.

It was a years-long venture that forced me to create new methods of learning and required me to stay constantly curious. It was anything but a smooth ride given to me on a platter; but if it had been easy, it wouldn’t have been

worth the effort. Despite having left the industry some years ago, receiving my Certified Sommelier pin after years of studying, tasting, failing, and repeating remains one of my proudest personal achievements.

Former colleagues of mine from even more varied backgrounds, including one African American man who confided in me once the hellacious circumstances of his childhood, have become some of the most celebrated sommeliers in the world. It truly is a remarkable profession and achievement is only limited by the amount of God-given talent and hard work a person is willing to put in it, nothing else.

But Mobley and others want us to believe the system is rigged against people based only on their sex or skin color. This is bigotry by the standard of lowered expectations: to insist that a person could only succeed in an industry if it is modified to suit them. Recently, the very same organization that acknowledged my hard work and that of many others, came under fire from Black Lives Matter activists for their use of the word "Master" in conjunction with the top title given out by the group. The term obviously appears in the very name of the organization, the Court of Master Sommeliers, and any assertion of racism for use of that title is obviously absurd.

For a profession such as wine, sexism is very easily eradicated by simply saying that only those with the right qualifications can reach the summit. There are many parts to a sommelier certificate test: tasting ability, knowledge of vintages and regions, and service standards. But there is no test on whether the applicant is a man or a woman or whether they are white or black. The fact that there are more white, male Master Sommeliers than any other category points only toward the fact that the profession seems to have been more alluring to white men than any other group.

Calling "Racism" and "Sexism" on any industry that doesn't have the right intersectional quota is outrageously unfair, particularly for an industry that has its door wide open to any person, regardless of wealth, race, sex, or any other factor.

At a time where the restaurant industry and the wine profession is hurting more than they ever have in this country, attempting to create a strawman of bigotry and oppression instead of looking for real solutions for the hospitality industry is utterly shameful.

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My 10 core beliefs on United States (2020-09-11 15:24)

Ten core beliefs.

1.) I believe America is a noble nation. I do not believe that any country should be held accountable for past injustices. Every nation on Earth have committed injustice in its past. Look at England, look at France, look at Italy, look at Russia, look at China, the killing of Native Americans is disturbing, but the slavery was heinous. You don't hold modern day Americans accountable for what happened 100 years ago. That tears the fabric of our country apart. You can look at all the money spent freeing people around the world. No country on Earth is even close. That's why we're an exceptional country and remain so.

2.) Reforms are necessary. Police lethal force has to be standardized. It has to be clear to the American public. The FBI should be involved in this, and the training should be through the FBI standards. There should be a manual, but this time to train police. This is what you do in the FBI, this is what you do locally in the state. We need new drug laws, because they're not being enforced. Barack Obama is telling us that heroin is a non-violent crime. To me that is insane, heroin kills people. Meth kills people. It's not a violent crime to sell it. What can we put up in this country as far as drugs. There needs to be better voting laws. If you're going to send the ballots to everybody, you're going to have massive fraud.

3. We need new abortion laws, we can't abort fetuses 15 minutes before birth. You can't do it and call yourself a country based on law. We need a definition of what is allowed and what isn't.

4. Capitalism is good. Capitalism gives to most people the most opportunity. Why do you think 20 million people have snuck into this country. The United States invented the airplane and light bulb. We invented everything. Why? We're rewarded economically when we do due to the patent system. You don't have innovation coming out of Russia or China. Let's see if they did the vaccine. As soon as someone invents something there, the government takes it away from them so you don't have innovation. So capitalism is a strength not an exploitative weakness.

5. Self protection, because the government and law enforcement can't. So we must protect ourselves with firearms within reason. No bazookas. No mortar. No surface to air missile. That's a public safety hazard. We have the right to protect ourselves. We can have a debate about clips.

6. The federal and state governments have to respect religious beliefs. If I believe abortion is wrong, you can't give my money to other people under the US constitution. You can't else you violate the Constitution. You can't force someone to attend a gay wedding and that has to be respected.

7. We have to adopt the United Kingdom system of civil litigation. Frivolous lawsuits, you got to pay.

8. Law enforcement and judges must be protected from lawsuits. If you sue a police officer, you're not going to have any police officers left, because they can't afford to defend it. If you can sue judges for a outcome. Democrats want that. That's how you destroy law enforcement. Nancy Pelosi is villain #1 in this. The federal government needs guidelines for the public school system. The public school system isn't fair for the poor. Not running day to day classroom. There should be uniforms.

9. I believe in term limits for Congresspeople. Two terms for Senators. It should be bye after that.

10. Balanced budget. We have to stop the madness. United States owes 30 trillion dollars.

We were told the economy is growing and growing, but these are government census workers. Total claims is 13.385 million an increase of 93,000 previous. It's complete misrepresentation in front of our very own eyes. Those educated people are using those same quota numbers. The continuing claims for unemployment insurance is setting at 13.4 million. The labor department said there was 884,000 Americans that filed jobless claims, but only 839,000 jobless claims were reported. Most people have a gig job and if they didn't have a side hustle, the economy would be stagnate. New York City has seen 15,000 empty apartments in August. There is this small group of people who are better than ever before with this K shaped recovery. People don't care if the JC Penny or Best Buy goes under, because it's not going to affect them. There is a group of people with full time work and high salaries, but there is also other people affected growing in percentage. There are buying up on a tanker and letting it sit in the middle of the ocean. They're running of room to put the oil, but the federal reserve can print more money and that will fix it. The shipments are 1296 on the Baltic Dry Index and is declining. Fed Balance Sheet has been increasing. They're retracing some of their steps. The federal reserve is buying bonds, because they want to help the little guy with the mainstream lending program.

The Devil and Karl Marx (2020-09-16 19:17)

Paul Kengor is a professor of political science at Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania. He has just published "The Devil and Karl Marx," a careful look at the diabolical side of Karl Marx. The book has come out during an important time in our history since so many Americans, particularly our youth, have fallen for the seductive siren song of socialism taught to them by the academic elite.

"The Black Book of Communism," edited by Stephane Courtois, details the Marxist-Leninist death toll in the 20th century. Here is the breakdown: USSR, 20 million deaths; China, 65 million; Vietnam, 1 million; North Korea and Cambodia, 2 million each; Eastern Europe, 1 million; and about 3.5 million in Latin America, Africa and Afghanistan. These figures understate those detailed by Professor R.J. Rummel in "Death by Government." He finds that from 1917 until its collapse, the Soviet Union murdered or caused the death of 61 million people, mostly its own citizens. From 1949 to 1976, Communist China's Mao Zedong regime was responsible for the death of as many as 78 million of its own citizens.

The world's intellectual elite readily focus on Adolf Hitler's murderous atrocities but ignore those of the world's socialists. Mao Zedong has been long admired by academics and leftists across our country. They often marched around singing his praises and waving his little red book, "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung." President Barack Obama's communications director, Anita Dunn, in her June 2009 commencement address to St. Andrews Episcopal High School at Washington National Cathedral, said Mao was one of her heroes.

Whether it's the academic community, the media elite, stalwarts of the Democratic Party or organizations such as the NAACP, the National Council of La Raza, Green for All, the Sierra Club and the Children's Defense Fund, there is a great tolerance for the ideas of socialism – a system that has caused more deaths and human misery than all other systems combined. Today's leftists, socialists and progressives would bristle at the suggestion that their agenda differs little from those of Nazi, Soviet and Maoist mass murderers. Keep in mind that one does not have to be in favor of death camps or wars of conquest to be a tyrant. The only requirement is that one must believe in the primacy of the state over individual rights.

Kengor highlights another feature of Marx ignored by his followers. This feature of Marxism should be disturbing to Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors, who said that she and her fellow organizers are "trained Marxists." I wonder whether she shares Marx's views on race. Marx's son-in-law, Paul Lafargue, was viewed as having Negro blood in his veins. Marx denigrated him as "Negillo" and "The Gorilla."

Marx had similar hate for Jews. He referred to his fellow socialist labor organizer Ferdinand Lasalle as a "greasy Jew," "the little kike," "water polack jew" and "Jewish n—r." In 1844, Marx wrote an essay titled "The Jewish Question" in which he asks, "What is the worldly cult of the Jew?" His answer: "Haggling. What is his worldly god? Money."

Down through the years, leftists made a moral equivalency between communist/socialist totalitarianism and democracy. W. E. B. Du Bois, writing in the National Guardian (1953) said, "Joseph Stalin was a great man; few other men of the 20th century approach his stature." Walter Duranty called Stalin "the greatest living statesman ... a quiet, unobtrusive man." George Bernard Shaw expressed admiration for Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin. Economist John Kenneth Galbraith visited Mao's China and praised Mao Zedong and the Chinese economic system. Michel Oksenberg, President Jimmy Carter's China expert, complained that "America is doomed to decay until radical, even revolutionary, change fundamentally alters the institutions and values," and urged us to "borrow ideas and solutions" from China.

Kengor does a yeoman's job of highlighting the evils of Marxism. The question is whether Americans will heed his lesson or fall prey to the false promises and live the horrors of socialism. By the way, while Sweden and Denmark have a large welfare system, they have market economies – not socialist economies, as some leftists claim.

Trump Announces Military Will Help Administer Wuhan Coronavirus Vaccine (2020-09-16 19:20)

Speaking from the White House Wednesday afternoon, President Trump announced he has ordered the military to help administer a Wuhan coronavirus vaccine to the American public when it becomes available. The move comes as part of the newly released National Vaccine Distribution Plan, which was sent out to governors of all 50 states today.

"Today my administration released our detailed National Vaccine Distribution Plan and that includes a plan to ensure that we swiftly deliver the vaccine directly to America's senior citizens in nursing homes and it's all set. We have our military lined up. Everybody is lined up and we think that's going to go nicely," Trump said. "We're fully mobilizing the awesome power of American industry and also our military."

"We're on track to deliver and distribute the vaccine in a very, very safe and effective manner," Trump continued, saying December will be the latest date 100,000 doses will be distributed with the possibility of an October start date. "We're ready to move and it will be a full distribution."

Today, the Trump Administration released its National Vaccine Distribution Plan!
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When asked about a specific timeline for when anyone who wants a vaccine will be able to get one, President Trump said, "Very soon...the safety has to be 100 percent"

Dr. Scott Atlas, who is a member of the White House Wuhan coronavirus task force, also detailed plans for distribution and touted the 57-page plan developed by the Trump administration to get as many Americans as possible the vaccinated efficiently.

"This is a very detailed plan that started months ago," Atlas said.

During the briefing, President Trump also slammed Democrat presidential nominee Joe Biden for questioning the vaccine's safety.

"I'm calling on Biden to stop promoting his anti-vaccine theories because all they're doing is hurting the importance of what we're doing," Trump said.

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Is Cultural Marxism America's New Mainline Ideology? (2020-09-16 21:05)

Another name for the neo-Marxism of increasing popularity in the United States is [1]cultural Marxism." This theory says that the driving force behind the socialist revolution is not the proletariat — but the intellectuals. While Marxism has largely disappeared from the *workers'* movement, Marxist theory flourishes today in cultural institutions, in the academic world, and in the mass media. This "cultural Marxism" goes back to [2]Antonio Gramsci (1891-1937) and the [3]Frankfurt School. The theorists of Marxism recognized that the proletariat would not play the expected historical role as a "revolutionary subject." Therefore, for the revolution to happen, the movement must depend on the cultural leaders to destroy the existing, mainly Christian, culture and morality and then drive the disoriented masses to Communism as their new creed. The goal of this movement is to establish a world government in which the Marxist intellectuals have the final say. In this sense, the cultural Marxists are the continuation of what started with the Russian revolution.

Lenin and the Soviets

Led by [4]Lenin, the perpetrators of the revolution regarded their victory in Russia only as the first step to the world revolution. The [5]Russian Revolution was neither Russian nor proletarian. In 1917, the industrial workers in Russia represented only a small part of the workforce, which mainly consisted of peasantry. The Russian Revolution was not the result of a labor movement but of a group of [6]professional revolutionaries . A closer look at the composition of the Bolshevik party and of the first governments of the Soviet state and its repressive apparatus reveals the true character of the Soviet revolution as a project that did not aim at freeing the Russian people from the Tsarist yoke but was to serve as the launchpad for the world revolution.

The experience of World War I and its aftermath showed that the Marxist concept of the "proletariat" as a revolutionary force was an illusion. At the example of the Soviet Union, one could also see that socialism could not function without a dictatorship. These considerations brought the leading Marxist thinkers to the conclusion that a different strategy would be required to establish socialism. Communist authors spread the insight that the socialist dictatorship must come in disguise. Before socialism can succeed, the existing culture must change. Control of the culture must precede political control.

Cultural Control Rises in Tandem with Political Control

Helping the neo-Marxists was the fact many of their efforts in taking control of culture happened parallel to the encroachment of the state on individual liberties. Over the past decades, at the same time when so-called political correctness has been on the rise, the American government obtained a vast arsenal of repressive instruments. Few Americans seem to know that the U.S. is still under [7]emergency law that has been in force since George W. Bush used the executive privilege to declare a state of national emergency in 2001. In the same year, 9/11 opened also the path to push through the [8]Patriot Act . From a score of around 95 points, the [9]Freedom House "Aggregate Index of Freedom" of the United States has fallen to [10]86 points in 2018.

Moral Corruption

The way toward the rule of the cultural Marxists is the moral corruption of the people. To accomplish this, the mass media and public education must not enlighten but confuse and mislead. The media and the educational establishment work to put one part of the society against the other part. While group identities get more specific, the catalog of victimization and history of oppression becomes more detailed. To turn into a recognized victim of suppression is the way to gain social status and to obtain the right to special assistance, of respect and social inclusion.

The demand for social justice creates an endless stream of expenditures deemed essential — for health, education, old age, and for all those people who are "needy," "persecuted" and "oppressed," be it real or imaginary. The flood of never-ending spending in these areas corrupts the state finances and produces fiscal crises. This helps the Neo-Marxists accuse "capitalism" of all evils when, in fact, it is the regulatory state that provokes the systemic failures and when it is the excess of public debt that causes the financial fragility.

Politics, the media, and the judiciary never pause at waging the new endless wars: the war on drugs or against high blood pressure or the campaigns that assert the endless struggle against fat and obesity. The list of the enemies grows every day whether racism, xenophobia, and anti-Islamism. The epitome of this movement is political correctness, the war against having one's own opinion. While the public tolerates disgusting expositions of behavior, particularly under the cult of the arts, the list of prohibited words and opinions grows daily. Public opinion must not go beyond the few accepted positions. Yet while the public debate impoverishes, the diversity of radical opinion flourishes in the hidden.

The cultural Marxists drive society morally into an identity crisis by the means of the false standards of a hypocritical ethics. The aim is no longer the "dictatorship of the proletariat," because this project has failed, but the "dictatorship of political correctness" whose supreme authority lies in the hands of the cultural Marxists. As a new class of priests, the guardians of the new orthodoxy rule the institutions whose power they try to extend over all parts of the society. The moral destruction of the individual is a necessary step to accomplish the final victory.

Opium of the Intellectuals

The believers of neo-Marxism are mainly intellectuals. Workers, after all, are a part of the economic reality of the production process and know that the socialist promises are rubbish. Nowhere was socialism established as the

result of a labor movement. The workers have never been the perpetrators of socialism but always its victim. The leaders of the revolution have been intellectual party politicians and military men. It was up to the writers and artists to conceal the brutality of the socialist regimes through articles and books and by films, music, and paintings, and to give socialism a scientific-intellectual, aesthetic and moral appearance. In the socialist propaganda, the new system appears to be both fair and productive.

The cultural Marxists believe that someday they will be the sole holders of power and be able to dictate to the masses how to live and what to think. Yet the neo-Marxist intellectuals are in for a surprise. When socialism should come indeed, the "dictatorship of the intellectuals" will be anything but benign — and not much different from what happened after the Soviets took power. The intellectuals will be among the victims. This was, after all, the way as it had happened in the [11]French Revolution, which was the first attempt of a revolution by intellectuals. Many of the victims of the guillotine were prominent intellectuals who had earlier supported the revolution — Robespierre among them.

In his play about "[12]Danton's Death," the dramatist Georg Büchner famously had a person say: "*Like Saturn, the revolution devours its own children.*" Yet more appropriately one should say that the revolution eats its spiritual fathers. The very same intellectuals who nowadays promote cultural Marxism will be the first in line if their project of conquest should succeed.

Conclusion

Contrary to what Marx believed, history is not pre-determined. The march through the institutions has gone far but there is not yet been a full take-over. There is still time to change course. To counteract the movement, one must note the inherent weakness of cultural Marxism. To the extent that the neo-Marxists altered classical Marxism and eliminated its basic tenets (deepening proletarianization, historical determinism, total collapse of capitalism), the movement has become even more utopian than previously socialism ever was.

As the successors of the New Left, the "democratic socialists" of the present time propagate a hodgepodge of contradictory positions. Because of the character of this movement as a promoter of group conflict, neo-Marxism is ineffectual to serve as an instrument of gaining coherent political power as it were necessary for a dictatorship. Yet this does not mean that the neo-Marxist movement has no impact. On the contrary: because of its inherent contradictions, the ideology of cultural Marxism is the main source of the profound confusion that has grabbed almost every segment of the modern Western societies and which is about to swell into even more dangerous proportions.

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So, How Do They Dump Biden? (2020-09-17 17:19)

As the Democrat presidential campaign degenerates into “Weekend at Gropey’s,” a question arises: Assuming the Dems and their media minions somehow drag that rickety, basement-dwelling weirdo across the finish line, how do they get rid of him post-inauguration? Clearly, he would be a figurehead as Dr. Demento – sorry, Dr. Jill – and Kamala Harris joust for control before a backdrop of scheming pinko puppetmasters. But sooner or later, probably sooner, the Dem elite is going to try to put him out to pasture. How could they pull it off? And can they? Let’s see...

A few caveats: I think Donald Trump is going to win, so this is all hypothetical. The only bright spot for the Dems is the garbage polls his lying mainstream media allies keep pushing, and the liars are even having to concede that those are tightening, especially in states that matter. We’re days away from them pulling Grandpa Badfinger out of the debate. My money is still on the “I won’t normalize Trump’s racist cisgender sexism by appearing on stage with him” excuse, but “I fear the flu” is a close second. His recent catastrophic appearances outside his dungeon lair demonstrate that this guy couldn’t hack a debate if he was snorting rails of Namenda like Hunter hoovering blow on New Year’s Eve in Medellin. Trump holds an indisputable edge in other important areas, too, like enthusiasm, ground game, and continence.

I also want to put aside the very serious issue of the Democrat transition disruption plans, a plot so staggeringly unwise that only our garbage elite could conceive of it and think it would work out all right for them. Their dual track strategy of stealing the election through legal and extra-legal shenanigans, followed by cementing their own power via attacks on the Supreme Court, the Electoral College, giving statehood to territories, defunding cops, and disarming the populace even as they attempt to limit free speech are a recipe for disaster. So, let’s put aside the second civil war these fools seem intent on provoking – our esteemed elite does not seem to remember that Democrats are already 0-1 – and assume the peaceful transition of power they would deny Trump (and you).

Let’s focus on how they try to get rid of Bad Touch Biden should they win, because it’s pretty obvious that he can’t function as president, and it’s pretty obvious that other people want that gig. They are sharpening their knives already.

There is one huge problem with getting rid of him: his wife. She wants to be president so bad she can taste it, and she’s more excited to be president – uh, I mean first lady – than Brian Stelter, who is a potato, is at the thought of visiting Golden Corral. She’s going to do everything she can to be a limo lib Edger Bergen to her husband’s less-animated Charlie McCarthy. Moreover, the Joe Junta of advisors wants its payoff. With Depends Boy as figurehead, they not only get jobs but they get a whole lot of lightly supervised power. So, there will be a potent Dem faction supporting the Presidency of the Living Dead.

But others in the Dem elite want Oldfinger out of the way. Of course, Kamala Harris is the grasping, striving avatar of this faction. She’s already talking about “a Harris Administration.” If I were Dr. Jill, which would be weird, I’d send some intern out to start Air Force One in the morning and hire a taster to clear Joe’s mornin’ mush. Now, am I saying that Kamala Harris would physically harm Joe Biden? Let’s just say that I’d rather gulp down Ruth Gordon’s smoothies in Rosemary’s Baby than roll those dice.

Regardless, she (and the Democrat establishment using the crusty crustacean as a Trojan Horse to retake power) will want be rid of him. The 25th Amendment is the most obvious play. And, frankly, it would be legit, since he is manifestly incompetent, not that stuff like facts and truth matter in modern politics.

The 25th Amendment, one of the rare parts of the Constitution that Democrats like, has been their fantasy Hail Mary play since Trump beat Felonia Milhous von Pantsuit. It is worth reviewing the entire process for replacing the president as outlined in Section 4, since, if America is dumb enough to elect the Dementiacrat in seven weeks, we’ll all be getting really familiar with it:

Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress, within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

So, here is how it goes. President Biden gets inaugurated showing up for the ceremony in his untied bathrobe and confusing the oath with the Armour hot dogs jingle. Very quickly, Dr. Jill and the Biden Bunch start running things in his name while he spends his day upstairs in the Lincoln Bedroom, sitting on a stool, watchin' his stories. The media gets busy covering for him because no contrary memo has circulated.

They ice out Kamala, who tries to assert control. Instead of wielding power, she's sent off to do veep stuff, like appear at the bar mitzvah for the nephew of the High Poobah of Burkino Faso. This annoys her, and her allies – remember, due to her notorious flexibility, she is the candidate Obama and the establishment really wanted.

The trigger for the coup will be when Biden's handlers are unable to push through the entire lefty agenda through Congress in the first 100 days. Banning guns, packing the Supreme Court, single-payer, Green New Scam. Assuming the worst case, that Schumer takes the Senate majority, they have to kill the filibuster and outmaneuver Cocaine Mitch to do all that. They need an active, potent president, and the one they are stuck with is busy slurping oatmeal.

The rush to the left bogs down because Biden can't lead. The Democrat base starts getting restless, and it accurately assesses that the problem is that they nominated and elected a senile old weirdo. Dr. Jill gets a visit from a delegation of Dem bigwigs who tell her it's time for him to resign. She refuses. She probably does not even let them see Joe, who is busy with a puzzle.

A decision is made: Kamala needs to take over.

The cabinet is full of folks like Pete Buttigieg, and with the aggressive action one would expect of the Audie Murphy of Kabul, he leads the other cabinet members (all of whom imagine they could be the next veep) to declare in writing that Joe is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Kamala takes over as acting president.

But the fight has only just started. Dr. Jill and the Biden Battalion send their own letter to the President pro tem and the Speaker of the House denying any disability. Within four days, Kamala and the cabinet send their response saying the opposite. Now Congress has to decide the issue. It assembles within 48 hours and has to vote within 21 days on whether Biden gets booted.

That's when the snapping Murder Turtle bites hard. See, to remove Joe and permanently install Kamala, you need "two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." McConnell now holds all the cards. There's no two-thirds without his GOP bloc. He goes to Dr. Jill and says, "You chill on the leftism, and we let President Magoo – and you – run out the clock until 2024."

Of course, she agrees. She's got no choice. It's either run a center-left presidency without the insane leftist nonsense Diddles ran on, or pack her stuff and get the hell out. That's an easy call. President Biden gets to stumble through the next four years while Kamala gets to spend her terms doing potlucks with el Presidente de Paraguay.

Think it can't happen?

Dude, it'll be 2021. After 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and now 2020, do you believe there is any insane scenario that can't actually happen in 2021?

Disregard Their Previous Hysteria, Democrats Now Say In-Person Voting is Safe (2020-09-18 21:19)

The Democrats' hopes of having the November election completely ballot harvested by mail are in tatters, following a string of court losses and a strategy that appears to have backfired. Democrats are now scrambling to reassure their worried base that voting in-person during the coronavirus is safe after all. Disregard their previous hysteria over the past six months.

Democrats, ever confident in the media's ability to gaslight the American people, are now telling voters that it's completely safe to cast your ballot in-person come November. Democrats spent months accusing people of not caring about human life if they opposed Crazy Nancy's plan to mail 160 million ballots out and allow paid campaign operatives (harvesters) to go around collecting them. What could possibly go wrong with the Antifa mob showing up at your door to make sure your ballot is filled out correctly?

Of course, science has always suggested that voting in person poses little risk of spreading the Wuhan coronavirus. About 413,000 people voted in-person during the Wisconsin primary and a very small number, a few dozen, of coronavirus cases were linked to the election. There were no deaths. South Korea also held its elections and not a single coronavirus case was linked to in-person voting. Even Dr. Fauci has said there is no reason people can't safely vote in-person this November.

While there was no spike in COVID cases after the Wisconsin election, there was a spike in absentee ballots found lying around in the streets of Milwaukee. The same was true in Nevada, where ballots stacked up outside apartment complexes and other areas in and around Las Vegas.

Voter rolls are notoriously messy. People die, move out of state, and register to vote over and over again, which is why the rolls need to be cleaned in order to prevent voter fraud. Moving a national election just months away to vote-by-mail was never a tenable option, but Democrats insisted the ballot box should be secured by nothing more than the honor system.

Democrats never believed their own hysteria over voting in-person. In early May, Democrats added three polling centers in Democrat-rich cities in California in a last-minute effort to keep the state's 25th congressional district blue in a special election to replace disgraced former-Rep. Katie Hill (D). Democrats purposefully set up a polling center in the most diverse part of the district, even knowing the coronavirus disproportionately kills minorities. If they believed in-person voting would be a super-spreader event, why would Democrats risk the lives of their

constituents? And let's not forget the media also greenlit the leftist riots for months.

Democrats never cared about the health of Americans one way or the other. All they care about is politicizing the pandemic to regain power in November.

China Is Killing The Dollar (2020-09-18 21:41)

As a consequence of the Fed's pledge to keep printing money limitlessly to bailout the shaken US economy, China has decided to change its importing of industrial goods policy, setting a more aggressive and strategic approach, which is being evaluated by some economic experts as the final coup for the dollar's purchasing power. Even though there may be geopolitical reasons as well, the main reason behind China's move is to add pressure on the Fed's monetary policies and disturb the dollar's status in foreign exchanges. That is what we are going to show you today. In this video, we are going to take a closer look at the Chinese plan that is likely to kill the dollar. So stay with us and don't forget to give this video a thumbs up and subscribe to our channel to keep updated about the unfoldings of the economic collapse. Not long ago, China hinted to have intentions to dump all US Treasury and agency bonds it holds if the relationship with America deteriorates further in the face of the ongoing Trade War. This veiled threat was interpreted by economic analysts as a cover for China to reduce its dollar exposure more aggressively, impacting directly at the dollar's strength on the markets. Earlier this month, Chinese state-owned Global Times published a front-page article alerting that "China will gradually decrease its holdings of US debt to about \$800billion under normal circumstances. But of course, China might sell all of its US bonds in an extreme case, like a military conflict," according to Xi Junyang, a professor at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics in an interview for the paper. Some may think that an independent professor wouldn't be an authority when it comes to point out China's intentions on the geostrategic game, but his statement wouldn't make the front page article if the Chinese government hasn't sanctioned it. Therefore, the announcement was perceived as a message that China is ready to collapse the US Treasury market. Previously, advocates of the US government have argued that no one would buy China's entire holdings, however, it is being suggested that China will put the Treasury holdings in trust for victims affected by the global sanitary outbreak. In that way, it would undermine foreign trust in the dollar and potentially bring its reserve role to a swift conclusion. For the time being, the tide is calm, but if a storm sparks a financial war and China puts its entire holding on the market, Treasury yields would drastically climb, except if the Fed intervenes buying the whole lot. In such a scenario, China would have roughly a trillion dollars to sell, meaning it would drive the dollar down against whatever the Chinese buy. In fact, if the eastern superpower decided to dump its holding of US Treasuries, eventually, other foreign holders would follow the same move, and that would be the end for the dollar's role as the world's reserve currency, leaving the US and many other global economies in big trouble.

Why Is The Mainstream Media Signaling That A Much Larger Stock Market Crash Is Coming? (2020-09-22 21:37)

In recent weeks, the mainstream media has been overly indicating that a stock market crash is about to happen. There are many ongoing discussions about a potential dramatic fall in stock prices that will likely come by the end of the month. And even though a market crash can happen at any time, especially with such a massive overvaluation in prices, it is uncommon to see corporate-led media telling us what to expect about the next developments in the stock market, hinting to where it is headed next. For that reason, today, we rounded up some of the mainstream media statements that point to the imminent financial market downfall to investigate what is laying behind the curtains. Is this a new smokescreen? Or a widespread meltdown is much closer than we thought? That's what we are going to find out, so keep with us, and don't forget to give this video a thumbs up, share it with your friends, and subscribe to our channel not to miss out on the unfoldings of the economic collapse. Earlier this year, when

the health crisis started to spread on American grounds, corporate media started to release one report after the other about an incoming crash in stock prices. Now, they're doing it again. This time around, the difference is that many media outlets are reasoning the same mantra: the downfall is near. They seem to have a virtual certainty that price evaluations won't be sustained for any longer and by the end of next week, the financial scenery can turn upside down. Not long ago, the news was focusing on praising the market rebound after the huge tech stock sell-off, and then suddenly, it decided to shift its focus, leaving us wondering why would the mainstream media want all of us to believe that a financial crash is at the door? It goes without saying that prices are dramatically overvalued. For the past three weeks stock prices either flatlined or taken the downward direction, and all of the major stock indexes have recorded sharp declines for three weeks in a row, and it seems this week will make it four. Up-to-date, the Dow Jones Industrial Average went down 4.5 percent this month, the S & P 500 went down over 6 percent, and the Nasdaq declined about 8.5 percent. Essentially, the market is experiencing the worst September in 18 years, but the corporate-led media is signaling that things are going to get even worse. Additionally, it reported that Deutsche Bank economists consider that a policy shift may arrive sooner than we thought, explaining that "financial crises have often been touched off in the past under such conditions by the inevitable shift from policy ease to policy tightening, which is likely still at least several years away, but could surprise sooner". Once again, we definitely agree that a global financial crisis could emerge at any time, but we don't typically see a corporate-controlled news outlet alerting for a "looming" stock market collapse. All things considered, and with signals coming from many different sources, the financial abyss seems to be at the corner. As the remaining 90 % are struggling to stay afloat and barely having conditions to properly evaluate the situation, they're probably going to be pushed to the edge without even noticing. In the meantime, the wealthy 1 % has already managed to secure themselves and dump whatever stocks they don't feel confident about, leaving the consequences of the volatility of such stocks to be taken care of by the unsuspecting others. The next stock price drop will be followed by a quick rebound to add some heat in the political narrative and then a sharp drop once again. So, during this whole process, the beaten economy will face yet another downturn. It's a never-ending cycle of inflating and bursting the debt bubble. How long will the system be able to sustain it? It's anyone's guess. But we can't say we haven't been warned.

Reclaim American Drug Supply Chains to Counter Chinese Influence (2020-09-22 22:12)

China is threatening to cut off our supply of critical medicines even as we suffer in the midst of a pandemic. A shocking headline from the South China Morning Post on August 26 highlights just how real this threat truly is: "[1]China Could Weaponise drug exports to retaliate against US chip restrictions, Beijing Advisor Says." As I have [2]highlighted in a previous op-ed, this threat must not be taken lightly.

The South China Morning Post is owned by Alibaba and believed by many to be a mouthpiece for the Chinese Communist Party. Li Daokui, the advisor quoted in the article, is a very influential professor of finance at Tsinghua University in Beijing. And according to Congressional [3]testimony from Rosemary Gibson, author of China Rx, "If China shut the door on exports of medicines and their key ingredients and raw materials, U.S. hospitals and military hospitals and clinics would cease to function within months, if not days."

Unfortunately, this is not the only medicine-related issue exposed by the Chinese coronavirus pandemic. According to [4]Senior Trade Advisor Peter Navarro, "We have already witnessed over 80 countries impose some form of export restrictions on medicines or medical supplies, proving that no matter how strong our friendships or alliances may be, they mean nothing in a pandemic. It's 'Lord of the Flies.'" Examples of drugs that have been subject to these export restrictions include things as basic as acetaminophen, a common pain killer.

Fortunately, there is some good news. President Trump has invoked the Defense Production Act (DPA) to help bring pharmaceutical and medical supply chains back to the United States. This is a powerful and important step to protecting our nation's health and wellbeing.

After deliberation with his team at the Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy and Defense Production Act, Peter Navarro identified New York-based company Kodak as best equipped to manufacture key starting materials and active pharmaceutical ingredients (API). Yes, that Kodak.

Their expertise in chemicals expands beyond traditional photography. The company even already has a smaller unit dedicated to the production of key starting materials, the building blocks for active pharmaceutical ingredients. It's a match-made in heaven.

This iconic brand has existing expertise and capacity ready to help onshore one of our nation's most critical industries. As a result, on July 28 there was [5]an announcement that the government would loan Kodak \$765 million "to help expedite domestic production of drugs that can treat a variety of medical conditions and loosen the U.S. reliance on foreign sources."

Wall Street loved the idea and the price of Kodak shares jumped from around \$2 in late-July to \$60 in a matter of days. All seemed well until early trading appeared to front-run the official announcement. The huge price gains [6]drew serious scrutiny from the Securities and Exchange Commission as well as Democrat congressional committees, resulting in the DPA loan being placed on hold pending further review.

To prove everything was above board Kodak initiated an independent investigation into the alleged offenses; this week, that investigation cleared Kodak of all accusations and the company released the [7]full report.

The investigators asserted, "Kodak, and its officers, directors, and senior management did not violate the securities regulations or other relevant laws, engage in a breach of fiduciary duty, or violate any of Kodak's internal policies and procedures."

While the investigations are important, it's essential that we not miss the bigger issues of our national health and security. Eastman Kodak is an ideal partner for onshoring at least part of our critical medical supply. This innovative company accumulated over 20,000 patents in a century and [8]even invented the digital camera. And, Kodak is ahead of the curve, already manufacturing these key starting materials.

The Defense Production Act has the funds necessary to help Kodak accelerate the API business. This would result in hundreds of new American jobs and enhanced health security for millions of Americans. We should move forward on this immediately. The risk and threat is too great to wait any longer; we should not deprive Americans of this important progress from the Defense Production Act.

This loan should be approved so we can start the process of regaining control of America's drug supply from China. And we should use this partnership as a model to secure other supplies critical to the health and wellbeing of Americans.

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A Dystopian 'Biden Effect' for the Southern Border? (2020-09-23 22:18)

AUSTIN, Texas – Almost immediately after President Donald Trump's surprise 2016 election, illegal immigration fell so precipitously that, for the first time in memory, government detention centers along the Texas border remained nearly empty for months afterward. The phenomenon, characterized by a 70 percent decline in apprehensions, was called "[1]the Trump Effect" because aspiring migrants who'd attentively heard Trump's tough campaign rhetoric about coming border walls and immigration law enforcement figured the better choice was to just stay home.

But an equal and opposite "Biden Effect" is in the offing, one where aspiring migrants south of the border have heard Democratic nominee Joe Biden's [2]campaign promises on illegal immigration and would feel profoundly incentivized to come in large numbers after a Trump loss.

There is good reason to predict that Biden's election likely would instantly trigger a migrant caravan crisis such as when nearly a million Central Americans successfully crossed the southern border in 2018-2019 before Trump managed to end it with various temporary policies. If the Trump Effect proved anything, it was that economically distressed foreign populations closely monitor a social media communications grapevine about when and how American policy makes illegal immigration easier or harder, the chances of remaining in the country higher or lower.

Messages Heard Around the World

During a January 2020 reporting trip I took to the Mexico-Guatemala border, many [3]U.S.-bound Central American migrants told me they planned to stay in Mexico, rather than to go home, on the gambit that a Democrat would win the White House in less than a year and reopen the pathways over the border, which they would promptly travel. At the time, Mexican military roadblocks had severely curtailed easy northward travel while the government was deporting any migrant that didn't apply for Mexican asylum.

Many like an El Salvadoran woman with a young child trapped in Tapachula, Mexico, said they'd apply for Mexican asylum but will only use it until "Trump is defeated and the Democrats take over" because then, "things are going to get better."

Migrants from El Salvador and Honduras indicate they plan to stay in Mexico until the outcome of the American election because, as one said, "I'll wait for that because it would make things easier to get in."

Alma Delia Cruz, head of Mexico's asylum office in the southern state of Chiapas, told me she knew the majority of 70,000 Mexican asylum applicants her office was then processing (up from 76 the year before) had no intention of staying in Mexico for long.

"This is just their first chance to get into the United States, of course," she told me. "I don't know what's on the minds of these people exactly, but the threats from Trump can't deter them from eventually getting into the U.S.."

In more recent months, the tide of Central Americans applying for Mexico asylum has [4]continued to build as the American election draws near. [5]Thousands of Haitians, Africans, Cubans, and Middle Eastern migrants also are applying for Mexican asylum, building pressure awaiting release northward on the chance that a Biden presidency will make that possible.

Hope Springs Eternal from American Political Promises

The Biden campaign's messaging all through the Democratic primary season and after nomination is that a President Biden would all but guarantee migrants who cross the U.S. Southwest border will be able to enter without significant obstruction and then remain indefinitely with a possibility of permanent citizenship later, powerful incentive for mass migration.

Consider campaign promises heard throughout the Americas for many months now:

- A [6]100-day moratorium on deportations upon Biden entering office – to exempt even most criminal aliens, to be followed by a permanent extension for all but the most hardened criminal alien felons. "I don't count drunk driving as a felony," [7]he said.

- Use of [8]executive powers to immediately reverse all Trump immigration policies to include an end to border wall construction and the Remain in Mexico push-back policy that requires asylum seekers be sent to Mexico while their U.S. asylum claims are slowly adjudicated. The Biden plan also promises an end to federal prosecutions for illegal entry and to requirements that migrants apply for asylum in the first country they transit on their way to the U.S. border.
- Access to American medical care. Biden was among the candidates who [9]raised his hand during one primary debate when a moderator asked which of the candidates would favor providing illegal immigrants with free access to the nation's medical care system.
- A "[10]roadmap to citizenship" for millions of illegal immigrants in the United States.

The most pivotal of the Trump-era policies

In June 2019, Trump [11]threatened Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador with ruinous economic trade tariffs on all U.S.-bound exports if he did not halt the mass caravans pouring in through his country's southern border with Guatemala. Obrador [12]complied by deploying some 6,000 Mexican National Guard troops on more than 50 roadblocks throughout Mexico's border states, severely thinning northbound migrant traffic.

Caravans have regularly [13]battered themselves apart against the bulwark of Mexican troops, who rounded them up by their thousands and bused them back to Central American countries. But the caravans [14]keep forming. They probe and test this one most effective perimeter, feeling for the slightest opportunity and weakness.

It is highly unlikely that President Biden would maintain Trump's tariff threat against Mexico.

As a result, Mexico will almost certainly feel free of the obligation to keep the troops there and would redeploy them as soon as possible after the November election. Overnight, Mexico would return to its traditional role as a migrant-transit superhighway to the U.S. border. Caravans will just as certainly form to test the route and find it open.

The first caravan waves – importantly – would reach the U.S. border and find their way over it newly unimpeded too. Successive population waves, seeing the vanguards succeed unhindered would pour through the breach for as long as those too are unopposed.

Predicting migration flows isn't the kind of bet on which to place real money, since trends can be notoriously unpredictable and susceptible to unforeseeable factors. The Trump Effect eventually wore off once migrant communities noticed that campaign promises were taking quite a long time to actually implement and then, when some of them were, caused a rush on the border in 2018 that Trump had to counter in ways no one could have envisioned at the time (such as threatening Mexico trade tariffs).

Likewise, a Biden administration, seeing an initial rush on the border in the wake of Democratic victory, might not follow through for quite some time with his policy ideas and, ultimately, if he decides mass migration must be stopped, be forced to leave some of Trump's in place.

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All the Chips Are on the Table Now (2020-09-25 18:16)

When the Affordable Care Act—also known as ObamaCare—was being debated, we heard empty promises like “you can remain on your current plan” or “you can keep your doctor.” The promise-to-reality outcome was so off that “you can keep your doctor” became Politifact’s Lie of the Year in 2013. Despite the flashy ads and abundant promises, in reality, ObamaCare not only raised costs but took health care out of the hands of Americans and placed Medicaid on even worse financial footing through expansion to able-bodied adults. The already complex health care system became dominated by even more bureaucracy, even less transparency, and severe restrictions on patient choice. High premiums and government control became the new normal, putting bureaucrats—not patients—in the driver’s seat. However, thanks to the hard work of the Trump administration and key decisions by Congress in the early years of his first term, control in health care decisions is beginning to find its way back into the hands of Americans rather than the government or special interests.

First, President Trump expanded Association Health Plans (AHPs)—a powerful tool for small businesses to get on the same playing field as their large competitors when purchasing health coverage. AHPs help uninsured small business owners and their employees access affordable coverage by breaking down government-imposed barriers that large companies don’t have to abide by. In fact, the administration’s rule changes to expand AHPs have the opportunity to provide [1]millions of Americans with coverage with far lower premiums.

The administration also extended short-term plans (STPs), which are excellent and affordable options for the millions of uninsured Americans. These plans are especially attractive for Americans in-between jobs or in need of affordable gap coverage. By expanding the duration of these plans, consumers now have access to yet another tool in the toolbox to achieve [2]low-cost options without sacrificing quality.

After ObamaCare gave states the option to expand Medicaid to millions of able-bodied adults, enrollment exploded. It wasn’t the boon to hospitals that supporters of expansion predicted and promised. Instead, already stretched state budgets are stretched even thinner, and hospitals are being forced to close due to the lack of revenue. The Trump administration has offered states a path to walk back from the brink through commonsense Medicaid work requirements for able-bodied adults.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump administration took decisive action by [3]loosening telehealth rules, which has been critical for millions of older Americans on Medicare who were suddenly unable to access their providers in-person. And in August, the president signed an [4]Executive Order to make many of these telehealth changes permanent—empowering Americans with disabilities, those with chronic conditions who require frequent medical consultations, and those without access to adequate transportation to continue receiving care from the comfort of their own home.

President Trump also took decisive action to take on big hospital executives by establishing a new rule to [5]improve price transparency and provide Americans with the real cost of health care services beforehand. For far too long, health care prices have been about as clear as the swamp in Washington. This change represents a strong step towards empowering everyday Americans and improving competition in health care. Despite the protests of hospital executives wanting to conceal prices from consumers, this crucial rule was [6]upheld by a federal court in June.

And finally, President Trump successfully repealed the individual mandate penalty under ObamaCare—a blunt mechanism that punished Americans for not purchasing health insurance or purchasing insurance that politicians simply

didn't like, such as short-term plans. Health insurance is a deeply personal choice, and no family should face steep fines because they chose incorrectly in the eyes of the government, especially when the approved options are far too expensive.

Together, these strong actions—expanding AHPs, extending short-term plans, loosening telehealth rules, improving price transparency, and quashing the individual mandate—have given Americans more control over health care once again. And unlike as we saw with ObamaCare, the current occupant of the White House actually kept his promises of expanding health care choice and freedom to millions.

This hard work should not go unnoticed—and we should be thankful that the pendulum is finally starting to swing away from the bureaucrats and towards patients and consumers.

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Tens of Thousands of Christians Converged on DC (2020-09-28 18:07)

Did you hear about the large Christian gatherings in Washington, DC this weekend? Did you see the news reports about the mayhem? The looting? The vandalism? The calls to “Burn it down!”? Did you hear the speakers calling for acts of violence and destruction? Oh, you didn't? That's because tens of thousands of Christians did gather in DC this weekend, but they came to pray for the nation and repent for their sins.

The two main events were The Return, which began Friday night and ended Saturday night, and Franklin Graham's prayer march, which was held from noon to 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Both events attracted tens of thousands, and The Return was watched by a reported global audience of tens of millions. But there were no angry voices. No calls for violence. No fistfights. Or brawls. Or looting. Or shooting at police.

In fact, at The Return, where I participated on Saturday, there was hardly any police presence at all. It was not needed. I didn't even see any counter-protesters.

Worship prevailed. Prayer prevailed. Humility prevailed. Repentance prevailed.

And while a constant theme of the event was the broken condition of America and the urgent need for repentance, that repentance started with the participants, with each of us. We, the followers of Jesus, have sinned and fallen short. We who are called to be light of the world and the salt of the earth have not lived up to our high and lofty calling.

That's why The Return began its Saturday morning program with pastors and leaders asking for God's mercy and confessing their sin. Repentance starts with us.

Significantly, Saturday was also the day when President Trump announced his nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Who could have foreseen this? These events were planned months in advance, at which time no one had any idea that Justice Ginsburg would pass away, let alone pass away during this sacred season on the biblical calendar.

Even the timing of Trump's announcement seemed propitious. As I tweeted, "So, Ruth Bader Ginsburg passes away at the beginning of the Jewish New Year, as the shofar blast is heard, & Amy Coney Barrett is announced as her replacement as shofars were being blasted at The Return event in DC, watched by 10s of millions globally. Coincidence?"

On this same day, Saturday, September 26, 2020, major prayer gatherings were held in the Philippines and other nations as well. (An Asian leader told me at The Return that three million Indonesian Christians participated in a prayer event just hours earlier).

But this is exactly what we must do. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, a global shutdown, a time of global shaking – and that means there nothing more important we can do than pray. All the more does this hold true in America, where deep divisions are literally tearing us apart.

But the goal of these gatherings is not to impress people. The goal is not to put on a performance and please the crowds. The goal is to get the attention of our Father in Heaven. Only He can turn the hearts of a nation. And only He can hold back His judgment and wrath.

In Jewish tradition, the constellation sign associated with Tishrei, the seventh (and current) month of the biblical calendar (but the first month of the traditional calendar), is a pair of scales, symbolizing the scales of justice.

As one Jewish website explains, "The symbol of the month of Tishrei is a pair of scales. How fitting are the scales of justice to this month! On the Day of Judgment, Rosh Hashanah, our good deeds and mitzvos (commandments) are weighed against our sins. If we have more mitzvos than sins, we are inscribed for another year of life. Obviously, this is not a quantitative evaluation, that is, the number of offenses verses the number of good deeds. The judgment takes into account the quality of our deeds."

Yet even with the very best quality of deeds, and even when we work our hardest, there is no way America could survive a test like this, weighing our good deeds against our bad deeds. How much weight does a single abortion carry, let alone tens of millions? How much weight does a single act of sex trafficking carry, let alone tens of thousands?

That's why we plead for mercy. That's why we repent so deeply. That's why, in the synagogues, beginning Sunday night, Jewish prayers will focus on pleas for mercy and lengthy confessions of sin. There is no boasting of our own righteousness in the sight of a holy God.

That's why these gatherings in DC, with minimal press coverage and without the drama of the protests and the riots, could well be the thing that saves the nation. And while the media may not have paid sufficient attention, we trust that God Himself did. That is what really matters.

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My Music History (2020-10-01 11:54)

In the 1990s, I liked Brooks and Dunn, Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson, Sawyer Brown, Joe Diffie, George Jones, Tim McGraw, Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Black Sabbath, The Beatles

In 1999, I added new bands like Metallica, AC/DC, Guns and Roses, Matchbox Twenty, nSync, Rob Zombie, classical like Beethoven, Bach

In 2001, I listened to Digitally Imported like ATB, John Digweed, Sasha, Tiesto, and mixes for the first time

In 2002, I added new bands like Tool, System of a Down, Slipknot, Underworld,

In 2004, I listened to Armin Van Buuren, Ferry Corsten, Nick Warren, Solarstone, The Thrillseekers and mixes,

In 2015, I listened to Carbon Based Lifeforms, Boards of Canada, Aphex Twin, Daft Punk albums

In 2017, I added new bands like The Prodigy, Death, Opeth, albums mixed in with previous listed artists.

In 2020, I listened to Amon Amarth mixed in with previous listed artists.

Rolling Stones new top 500 albums list (2020) (2020-10-03 15:24)

There is something wrong with 2020 list. It doesn't have Aphex twin or boards of Canada or Mozart or Beethoven, or many country artists.

Here are the top 500 from 2020:

1. [1]*What's Going On* - [2]Marvin Gaye
2. [3]*Pet Sounds* - [4]The Beach Boys
3. [5]*Blue* - [6]Joni Mitchell
4. [7]*Songs in the Key of Life* - [8]Stevie Wonder
5. [9]*Abbey Road* - [10]The Beatles
6. [11]*Nevermind* - [12]Nirvana
7. [13]*Rumours* - [14]Fleetwood Mac
8. [15]*Purple Rain* - [16]Prince and the Revolution
9. [17]*Blood on the Tracks* - [18]Bob Dylan
10. [19]*The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* - [20]Lauryn Hill

11. [21]*Revolver* - [22]The Beatles
12. [23]*Thriller* - [24]Michael Jackson
13. [25]*I Never Loved A Man The Way I Love You* - [26]Aretha Franklin
14. [27]*Exile On Main Street* - [28]The Rolling Stones
15. [29]*It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back* - [30]Public Enemy
16. [31]*London Calling* - [32]The Clash
17. [33]*My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy* - [34]Kanye West
18. [35]*Highway 61 Revisited* - [36]Bob Dylan
19. [37]*To Pimp A Butterfly* - [38]Kendrick Lamar
20. [39]*Kid A* - [40]Radiohead
21. [41]*Born to Run* - [42]Bruce Springsteen
22. [43]*Ready to Die* - [44]The Notorious B.I.G..
23. [45]*The Velvet Underground and Nico* - [46]The Velvet Underground
24. [47]*Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* - [48]The Beatles
25. [49]*Tapestry* - [50]Carole King
26. [51]*Horses* - [52]Patti Smith
27. [53]*Enter The Wu Tang 36 Chambers* - [54]Wu-Tang Clan
28. [55]*Voodoo* - [56]D Angelo
29. [57]*The White Album* - [58]The Beatles
30. [59]*Are You Experienced* - [60]Jimi Hendrix
31. [61]*Kind of Blue* - [62]Miles Davis
32. [63]*Lemonade* - [64]Beyoncé
33. [65]*BackToBlack* - [66]Amy Winehouse
34. [67]*Innervisions* - [68]Stevie Wonder
35. [69]*Rubber Soul* - [70]The Beatles
36. [71]*Off the Wall* - [72]Michael Jackson
37. [73]*The Chronic* - [74]Dr. Dre
38. [75]*Blonde on Blonde* - [76]Bob Dylan
39. [77]*Remain in Light* - [78]Talking Heads
40. [79]*The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars* - [80]David Bowie
41. [81]*Let It Bleed* - [82]The Rolling Stones

42. [83]*OK Computer* - [84]Radiohead
43. [85]*The Low End Theory* - [86]A Tribe Called Quest
44. [87]*Illmatic* - [88]Nas
45. [89]*Sign 'O' the Times* - [90]Prince
46. [91]*Graceland* - [92]Paul Simon
47. [93]*Ramones* - [94]The Ramones
48. [95]*Legend* - [96]Bob Marley and the Wailers
49. [97]*Aquemini* - [98]OutKast
50. [99]*The Blueprint* - [100]Jay-Z
51. [101]*The Great Twenty Eight* - [102]Chuck Berry
52. [103]*Station to Station* - [104]David Bowie
53. [105]*Electric Ladyland* - [106]Jimi Hendrix
54. [107]*Star Time* - [108]James Brown
55. [109]*The Dark Side of the Moon* - [110]Pink Floyd
56. [111]*Exile in Guyville* - [112]Liz Phair
57. [113]*The Band* - [114]The Band
58. [115]*Led Zeppelin IV* - [116]Led Zeppelin
59. [117]*Talking Book* - [118]Stevie Wonder
60. [119]*Astral Weeks* - [120]Van Morrison
61. [121]*Paid in Full* - [122]Eric B. & Rakim
62. [123]*Appetite for Destruction* - [124]Guns N' Roses
63. [125]*Aja* - [126]Steely Dan
64. [127]*Stankonia* - [128]OutKast
65. [129]*Live at the Apollo* - [130]James Brown
66. [131]*A Love Supreme* - [132]John Coltrane
67. [133]*Reasonable Doubt* - [134]Jay-Z
68. [135]*Hounds of Love* - [136]Kate Bush
69. [137]*Jagged Little Pill* - [138]Alanis Morissette
70. [139]*Straight Outta Compton* - [140]N.W.A.
71. [141]*Exodus* - [142]Bob Marley and the Wailers
72. [143]*Harvest* - [144]Neil Young

73. [145]*Loveless* - [146]*My Bloody Valentine*
74. [147]*The College Dropout* - [148]*Kanye West*
75. [149]*Lady Soul* - [150]*Aretha Franklin*
76. [151]*Superfly* - [152]*Curtis Mayfield*
77. [153]*Who's Next* - [154]*The Who*
78. [155]*The Sun Sessions* - [156]*Elvis Presley*
79. [157]*Blonde* - [158]*Frank Ocean*
80. [159]*Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols* - [160]*The Sex Pistols*
81. [161]*Beyonce Album* - [162]*Beyoncé*
82. [163]*Theres A Riot Goin On* - [164]*Sly and the Family Stone*
83. [165]*Dusty In Memphis* - [166]*Dusty Springfield*
84. [167]*Back in Black* - [168]*AC/DC*
85. [169]*Plastic Ono Band* - [170]*John Lennon*
86. [171]*The Doors* - [172]*The Doors*
87. [173]*Bitches Brew* - [174]*Miles Davis*
88. [175]*Hunky Dory* - [176]*David Bowie*
89. [177]*Baduizm* - [178]*Erykah Badu*
90. [179]*Afterthe Gold Rush* - [180]*Neil Young*
91. [181]*Darkness On The Edge Of Town* - [182]*Bruce Springsteen*
92. [183]*Axis Boldas Love* - [184]*The Jimi Hendrix Experience*
93. [185]*Supa Dupa Fly* - [186]*Missy Elliott*
94. [187]*Fun House* - [188]*The Stooges*
95. [189]*Take Care* - [190]*Drake*
96. [191]*Automatic for the People* - [192]*R.E.M.*
97. [193]*Masterof Puppets* - *Music/Metallica*
98. [194]*Car Wheels Ona Gravel Road* - [195]*Lucinda Williams*
99. [196]*Red* - [197]*Taylor Swift*
100. [198]*Music From Big Pink* - [199]*The Band*
101. [200]*Led Zeppelin* - [201]*Led Zeppelin*
102. [202]*The Clash* - [203]*The Clash*
103. [204]*Three Feet High And Rising* - [205]*De La Soul*

104. [206]*Sticky Fingers* - [207]The Rolling Stones
105. [208]*At Fillmore East* - [209]The Allman Brothers
106. [210]*Live Through This* - [211]Hole
107. [212]*Marquee Moon* - [213]Television
108. [214]*When The Pawn* - [215]Fiona Apple
109. [216]*Transformer* - [217]Lou Reed
110. [218]*Court And Spark* - [219]Joni Mitchell
111. [220]*Control* - [221]Janet Jackson
112. [222]*Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* - [223]Elton John
113. [224]*The Queen Is Dead* - [225]The Smiths
114. [226]*Is This It* - [227]The Strokes
115. [228]*good kid, m.A.A.d city* - [229]Kendrick Lamar
116. [230]*Disintegration* - [231]The Cure
117. [232]*Late Registration* - [233]Kanye West
118. [234]*Hotel California* - [235]The Eagles
119. [236]*Stand!* - [237]Sly and the Family Stone
120. [238]*Moondance* - [239]Van Morrison
121. [240]*This Year's Model* - [241]Elvis Costello
122. [242]*The Downward Spiral* - [243]Nine Inch Nails
123. [244]*Led Zeppelin II* - [245]Led Zeppelin
124. [246]*Achtung Baby* - [247]U2
125. [248]*Paul's Boutique* - [249]Beastie Boys
126. [250]*My Life* - [251]Mary J. Blige
127. [252]*Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music* - [253]Ray Charles
128. [254]*A Night at the Opera* - [255]Queen
129. [256]*The Wall* - [257]Pink Floyd
130. [258]*Nineteen Ninety Nine* - [259]Prince
131. [260]*Dummy* - [261]Portishead
132. [262]*Forty Greatest Hits* - [263]Hank Williams
133. [264]*Hejira* - [265]Joni Mitchell
134. [266]*The Score* - [267]Fugees

135. [268]*The Joshua Tree* - [269]U2
136. [270]*Maggot Brain* - [271]Funkadelic
137. [272]21 - [273]Adele
138. [274]*The Immaculate Collection* - [275]Madonna
139. [276]*Paranoid* - [277]Black Sabbath
140. [278]*Catch a Fire* - [279]Bob Marley and the Wailers
141. [280]*Doolittle* - [281]Pixies
142. [282]*Born In The USA.* - [283]Bruce Springsteen
143. [284]*The Velvet Underground* - [285]The Velvet Underground
144. [286]*Physical Graffiti* - [287]Led Zeppelin
145. [288]*The Marshall Mathers LP* - [289]Eminem
146. [290]*Parallel Lines* - [291]Blondie
147. [292]*Grace* - [293]Jeff Buckley
148. [294]*Channel Orange* - [295]Frank Ocean
149. [296]*John Prine* - [297]John Prine
150. [298]*Nebraska* - [299]Bruce Springsteen
151. [300]*FAITH* - [301]George Michael
152. [302]*Pretenders* - [303]The Pretenders
153. [304]*Ridof Me* - [305]PJ Harvey
154. [306]*Amazing Grace* - [307]Aretha Franklin
155. [308]*The Black Album* - [309]Jay-Z
156. [310]*Let It Be* - [311]The Replacements
157. [312]*Whatsthe Story Morning Glory?* - [313]Oasis
158. [314]*Mamas Gun* - [315]Erykah Badu
159. [316]*Synchronicity* - [317]The Police
160. [318]*Ten* - [319]Pearl Jam
161. [320]*Crosby Stills And Nash Album* - [321]CrosbyStillsNashAndYoung
162. [322]*Different Class* - [323]Pulp
163. [324]*Saturday Night Fever* - Various Artists
164. [325]*At Folsom Prison* - [326]Johnny Cash
165. [327]*Murmur* - [328]R.E.M.

166. [329]*Twenty Golden Greats* - [330]Buddy Holly
167. [331]*Violator* - [332]Depeche Mode
168. [333]*Cant Buy A Thrill* - [334]Steely Dan
169. [335]*The Stranger* - [336]Billy Joel
170. [337]*Disraeli Gears* - [338]Cream
171. [339]*Daydream Nation* - [340]Sonic Youth
172. [341]*Bridge Over Troubled Water* - [342]Simon & Garfunkel
173. [343]*In Utero* - [344]Nirvana
174. [345]*The Harder They Come* - [346]Jimmy Cliff and Various Artists
175. [347]*DAMN* - [348]Kendrick Lamar
176. [349]*Fear of a Black Planet* - [350]Public Enemy
177. [351]*Every Picture Tells A Story* - [352]Rod Stewart
178. [353]*Otis Blue* - [354]Otis Redding
179. [355]*Life After Death* - [356]Notorious BIG
180. [357]*Forever Changes* - [358]Love
181. [359]*Bringing It All Back Home* - [360]Bob Dylan
182. [361]*Sweet Baby James* - [362]James Taylor
183. [363]*Brown Sugar* - [364]D Angelo
184. [365]*Shes So Unusual* - [366]Cyndi Lauper
185. [367]*Beggars Banquet* - [368]The Rolling Stones
186. [369]*Blood Sugar Sex Magik* - [370]Red Hot Chili Peppers
187. [371]*Amerikkkas Most Wanted* - [372]Ice Cube
188. [373]*Electric Warrior* - [374]T Rex
189. [375]*Dig Me Out* - [376]Sleater-Kinney
190. [377]*Tommy* - [378]The Who
191. [379]*At Last* - [380]Etta James
192. [381]*Licensed to Ill* - [382]Beastie Boys
193. [383]*Willy and the Poor Boys* - [384]Creedence Clearwater Revival
194. [385]*Bad* - [386]Michael Jackson
195. [387]*Songs of Leonard Cohen* - [388]Leonard Cohen
196. [389]*Body Talk* - [390]Robyn

197. [391]*With the Beatles* - [392]The Beatles
198. [393]*The B52s Album* - [394]The B-52s
199. [395]*Slanted And Enchanted* - [396]Pavement
200. [397]*Diamond Life* - [398]Sade
201. [399]*Midnight Marauders* - [400]A Tribe Called Quest
202. [401]*Homogenic* - [402]Björk
203. [403]*Pink Moon* - [404]Nick Drake
204. [405]*Graduation* - [406]Kanye West
205. [407]*Tea For The Tillerman* - [408]Cat Stevens
206. [409]*Low* - [410]David Bowie
207. [411]*Eagles Album* - [412]Eagles
208. [413]*Tha Carter III* - [414]Lil Wayne
209. [415]*Raising Hell* - [416]Run-D.M.C.
210. [417]*The Birth Of Soul* - [418]Ray Charles
211. [419]*Unknown Pleasures* - [420]Joy Division
212. [421]*Wild Is The Wind* - [422]Nina Simone
213. [423]*The Idler Wheel* - [424]Fiona Apple
214. [425]*Wildflowers* - [426]Tom Petty
215. [427]*American Beauty* - [428]Grateful Dead
216. [429]*Either Or* - [430]Elliott Smith
217. [431]*Definitely, Maybe* - Music/Oasis
218. [432]*Crazy Sexy Cool* - Music/TLC
219. [433]*Only Built 4 Cuban Linx* - [434]Raekwon
220. [435]*Deja Vu Album* - [436]Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
221. [437]*Rage Against the Machine* - [438]Rage Against the Machine
222. [439]*Ray of Light* - [440]Madonna
223. [441]*Imagine* - [442]John Lennon
224. [443]*Fly* - [444]Dixie Chicks
225. [445]*Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* - [446]Wilco
226. [447]*Layla and Other Assorted Love Songs* - [448]Derek and the Dominos
227. [449]*Here's Little Richard* - [450]Little Richard

228. [451]*De La Soul Is Dead* - [452]De La Soul
229. [453]*The Ultimate Collection Patsy Cline* - [454]Patsy Cline
230. [455]*Anti* - [456]Rihanna
231. [457]*Damn The Torpedoes* - [458]Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers
232. [459]*Giant Steps* - [460]John Coltrane
233. [461]*Little Earthquakes* - [462]Tori Amos
234. [463]*Master Of Reality* - [464]Black Sabbath
235. [465]*Metallica* - [466]Metallica
236. [467]*Discovery* - [468]Daft Punk
237. [469]*Red Headed Stranger* - [470]Willie Nelson
238. [471]*Trans-Europe Express* - [472]Kraftwerk
239. [473]*Criminal Minded* - [474]Boogie Down Productions
240. [475]*Live At The Harlem Square Club 1963* - [476]Sam Cooke
241. [477]*Blue Lines* - [478]Massive Attack
242. [479]*Loaded* - [480]The Velvet Underground
243. [481]*Odessey and Oracle* - [482]The Zombies
244. [483]*Eight Oh Eights And Heartbreak* - [484]Kanye West
245. [485]*Heaven Or Las Vegas* - [486]Cocteau Twins
246. [487]*Mama Said Knock You Out* - [488]LL Cool J
247. [489]*Love Deluxe* - [490]Sade
248. [491]*American Idiot* - [492]Green Day
249. [493]*Whitney Houston* - [494]Whitney Houston
250. [495]*Singles Going Steady* - [496]Buzzcocks
251. [497]*Honky Chateau* - [498]Elton John
252. [499]*Q: Are We Not Men? A: We Are Devo!!* - [500]Devo
253. [501]*The Piper At The Gates of Dawn* - [502]Pink Floyd
254. [503]*Head Hunters* - [504]Herbie Hancock
255. [505]*The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan* - [506]Bob Dylan
256. [507]*Tracy Chapman* - [508]Tracy Chapman
257. [509]*Coat of Many Colors* - [510]Dolly Parton
258. [511]*The Hissing Of Summer Lawns* - [512]Joni Mitchell

- 259. [513]*Pearl* - [514]Janis Joplin
- 260. [515]*Cut* - [516]The Slits
- 261. [517]*Check Your Head* - [518]Beastie Boys
- 262. [519]*Power, Corruption & Lies* - [520]New Order
- 263. [521]*A Hard Day's Night* - [522]The Beatles
- 264. [523]*Wish You Were Here* - [524]Pink Floyd
- 265. [525]*Wowee Zowee* - [526]Pavement
- 266. [527]*Help!* - [528]The Beatles
- 267. [529]*Double Nickels On The Dime* - [530]Minutemen
- 268. [531]*Sail Away* - [532]Randy Newman
- 269. [533]*Yeezus* - [534]Kanye West
- 270. [535]*Golden Hour* - [536]Kacey Musgraves
- 271. [537]*Whatsthe 411* - [538]Mary J.Blige
- 272. [539]*White Light/White Heat* - [540]The Velvet Underground
- 273. [541]*Entertainment* - [542]Gangof Four
- 274. [543]*Sweetheartofthe Rodeo* - [544]The Byrds
- 275. [545]*Curtis* - [546]Curtis Mayfield
- 276. [547]*The Bends* - [548]Radiohead
- 277. [549]*The Diary Of Alicia Keys* - [550]Alicia Keys
- 278. [551]*Houses of the Holy* - [552]Led Zeppelin
- 279. [553]*MTV Unpluggedin New York* - [554]Nirvana
- 280. [555]*Get Rich Or Die Tryin* - [556]50 Cent
- 281. [557]*Nilsson Schmilsson* - [558]Harry Nilsson
- 282. [559]*Inthe Wee Small Hours* - [560]Frank Sinatra
- 283. [561]*Bad Girls* - [562]Donna Summer
- 284. [563]*Down Every Road 1962-1994* - [564]Merle Haggard
- 285. [565]*Third Sister Lovers* - [566]Big Star
- 286. [567]*Californication* - [568]Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 287. [569]*Mr. Tambourine Man* - [570]The Byrds
- 288. [571]*The Modern Lovers* - [572]The Modern Lovers
- 289. [573]*Post* - [574]Björk

290. [575]*Speakerboxxx The Love Below* - [576]OutKast
291. [577]*The Writings On The Wall* - [578]Destiny's Child
292. [579]*Van Halen* - [580]Van Halen
293. [581]*Last Splash* - [582]The Breeders
294. [583]*The Blue Album* - [584]Weezer
295. [585]*Random Access Memories* - [586]Daft Punk
296. [587]*Rust Never Sleeps* - [588]Neil Young
297. [589]*So* - [590]Peter Gabriel
298. [591]*Full Moon Fever* - [592]Tom Petty
299. [593]*Live At The Regal* - [594]B.B. King
300. [595]*Come On Over* - [596]Shania Twain
301. [597]*New York Dolls* - [598]New York Dolls
302. [599]*Tonights The Night* - [600]Neil Young
303. [601]*The Definitive Collection ABBA* - Music/ABBA
304. [602]*Just As I Am* - [603]Bill Withers
305. [604]*Alive* - [605]Kiss
306. [606]*Im Still In Love With You* - [607]Al Green
307. [608]*Portrait Of A Legend* - [609]Sam Cooke
308. [610]*Here Comethe Warm Jets* - [611]Brian Eno
309. [612]*Closer* - [613]Joy Divison
310. [614]*Pink Flag* - [615]Wire
311. [616]*On The Beach* - [617]Neil Young
312. [618]*A Seat At The Table* - [619]Solange
313. [620]*Stories from the City, Stories from the Sea* - [621]PJ Harvey
314. [622]*One In A Million* - [623]Aaliyah
315. [624]*El Mal Querer* - [625]Rosalía
316. [626]*The Who Sell Out* - [627]The Who
317. [628]*Lady in Satin* - [629]Billie Holiday
318. [630]*The Velvet Rope* - [631]Janet Jackson
319. [632]*The Stone Roses* - [633]The Stone Roses
320. [634]*Los Angeles* - [635]X

- 321. [636]*Norman Fucking Rockwell* - [637]Lana Del Rey
- 322. [638]*From Elvis in Memphis* - [639]Elvis Presley
- 323. [640]*Sandinista!* - [641]The Clash
- 324. [642]*A Rush of Blood To The Head* - [643]Coldplay
- 325. [644]*All Killer No Filler* - [645]Jerry Lee Lewis
- 326. [646]*Dirty Mind* - [647]Prince
- 327. [648]*Live At Leeds* - [649]The Who
- 328. [650]*Modern Vampires Of The City* - [651]Vampire Weekend
- 329. [652]*Entroducing* - [653]DJ Shadow
- 330. [654]*Aftermath* - [655]The Rolling Stones
- 331. [656]*Like a Prayer* - Madonna
- 332. [657]*Elvis Presley* - [658]Elvis Presley
- 333. [659]*Still Bill* - [660]Bill Withers
- 334. [661]*Abraxas* - [662]Santana
- 335. [663]*The Basement Tapes* - [664]Bob Dylan And The Band
- 336. [665]*Avalon* - [666]Roxy Music
- 337. [667]*John Wesley Harding* - [668]Bob Dylan
- 338. [669]*Another Green World* - [670]Brian Eno
- 339. [671]*Rhythm Nation 1814* - [672]Janet Jackson
- 340. [673]*Doggystyle* - [674]Snoop Dogg
- 341. [675]*Siamese Dream* - [676]The Smashing Pumpkins
- 342. [677]*Let It Be* - [678]The Beatles
- 343. [679]*Greatest Hits Sly And The Family Stone* - [680]Sly and the Family Stone
- 344. [681]*Funky Kingston* - [682]Toots And The Maytals
- 345. [683]*The Wildthe Innocent And The E Street Shuffle* - [684]Bruce Springsteen
- 346. [685]*AM* - [686]Arctic Monkeys
- 347. [687]*Liquid Swords* - [688]GZA
- 348. [689]*Time The Revelator* - [690]Gillian Welch
- 349. [691]*Kick Out the Jams* - [692]MC5
- 350. [693]*Music Of My Mind* - [694]Stevie Wonder
- 351. [695]*For Your Pleasure* - [696]Roxy Music

352. [697]*The Slim Shady LP* - [698]Eminem
353. [699]*The Cars* - [700]The Cars
354. [701]*Germfree Adolescents* - [702]X Ray Spex
355. [703]*Black Sabbath* - [704]Black Sabbath
356. [705]*Gris Gris* - [706]Dr John
357. [707]*Rain Dogs* - [708]Tom Waits
358. [709]*Goo* - [710]Sonic Youth
359. [711]*Radio City* - [712]Big Star
360. [713]*One Nation Under a Groove* - [714]Funkadelic
361. [715]*The Black Parade* - [716]My Chemical Romance
362. [717]*Never Too Much* - [718]Luther Vandross
363. [719]*The Mothership Connection* - [720]Parliament
364. [721]*More Songs About Buildings and Food* - [722]Talking Heads
365. [723]*Madvillainy* - [724]Madvillain
366. [725]*Rocks* - [726]Aerosmith
367. [727]*If You're Reading This It's Too Late* - [728]Drake
368. [729]*All Things Must Pass* - [730]George Harrison
369. [731]*The Infamous* - [732]Mobb Deep
370. [733]*Tha Carter II* - [734]Lil Wayne
371. [735]*Anthology The Temptations* - [736]The Temptations
372. [737]*Cheap Thrills* - [738]Big Brother and the Holding Company
373. [739]*Hot Buttered Soul* - [740]Isaac Hayes
374. [741]*King of the Delta Blues Singers* - [742]Robert Johnson
375. [743]*Dookie* - [744]Green Day
376. [745]*In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* - [746]Neutral Milk Hotel
377. [747]*Fever to Tell* - [748]Yeah Yeah Yeahs
378. [749]*Run-D.M.C.* - [750]Run-D.M.C.
379. [751]*Moving Pictures* - [752]Rush
380. [753]*Mingus Ah Um* - [754]Charles Mingus
381. [755]*Pronounced Lehnerrd Skinnerd* - [756]Lynyrd Skynyrd
382. [757]*Currents* - [758]Tame Impala

- 383. [759]Mezzanine - [760]Massive Attack
- 384. [761]The Kinks Are the Village Green Preservation Society - [762]The Kinks
- 385. [763]Rocket to Russia - [764]The Ramones
- 386. [765]Donuts - [766]J Dilla
- 387. [767]In Rainbows - [768]Radiohead
- 388. [769]Young Gifted And Black - [770]Aretha Franklin
- 389. [771]The Emancipation Of Mimi - [772]Mariah Carey
- 390. [773]Surfer Rosa - [774]Pixies
- 391. [775]Kaleidoscope - [776]Kelis
- 392. [777]Proud Mary The Best Of Ike And Tina Turner - [778]Ike And Tina Turner
- 393. [779]NineteenEightyNine - [780]Taylor Swift
- 394. [781]Diana - [782]Diana Ross
- 395. [783]Black Messiah - [784]D Angelo And The Vanguard
- 396. [785]Something/Anything? - [786]Todd Rundgren
- 397. [787]WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP, WHERE DO WE GO? - [788]Billie Eilish
- 398. [789]The Raincoats Album - [790]The Raincoats
- 399. [791]Smile - [792]Brian Wilson
- 400. [793]Beauty and the Beat - [794]The Go-Go's
- 401. Music/Blondie - [795]Blondie
- 402. [796]Expensive Shit - [797]Fela Kuti And Africa Seventy
- 403. [798]Supreme Clientele - [799]Ghostface Killah
- 404. [800]Rapture - [801]Anita Baker
- 405. [802]Nuggets Original Artyfacts From The First Psychedelic Era - Various
- 406. [803]69 Love Songs - [804]Magnetic Fields
- 407. [805]Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere - [806]Neil Young
- 408. [807]Ace of Spades - [808]Motörhead
- 409. [809]Workingmans Dead - [810]Grateful Dead
- 410. [811]Wild Honey - [812]The Beach Boys
- 411. [813]Love And Theft - [814]Bob Dylan
- 412. [815]Going To A Go Go - [816]Smokey Robinson And The Miracles
- 413. [817]Cosmos Factory - [818]Creedence Clearwater Revival

- 414. [819]Risque - [820]Chic
- 415. [821]Look A Py Py - [822]The Meters
- 416. [823]Things Fall Apart - [824]The Roots
- 417. [825]The Shape of Jazz to Come - [826]Ornette Coleman
- 418. [827]Brothers in Arms - [828]Dire Straits
- 419. [829]Chief - [830]Eric Church
- 420. [831]Wind And Fire Thats The Way Of The World - [832]Earth
- 421. [833]Arular - [834]M.I.A.
- 422. [835]Lets Get It On - [836]Marvin Gaye
- 423. [837]I Can Hearthe Heart Beating As One - [838]Yo La Tengo
- 424. [839]Odelay - [840]Beck
- 425. [841]Paul Simon Album - [842]Paul Simon
- 426. [843]Lucinda Williams - [844]Lucinda Williams
- 427. [845]Call Me - [846]Al Green
- 428. [847]New Day Rising - [848]Hüsker Dü
- 429. [849]Reach Out - [850]The Four Tops
- 430. [851]My Aim Is True - [852]Elvis Costello
- 431. [853]How Willthe Wolf Survive - [854]Los Lobos
- 432. [855]Confessions - [856]Usher
- 433. [857]Sound Of Silver - [858]LCD Soundsystem
- 434. [859]Crooked Rain Crooked Rain - [860]Pavement
- 435. [861]Actually - [862]Pet Shop Boys
- 436. [863]All Eyez on Me - [864]Tupac
- 437. [865]Screamadelica - [866]Primal Scream
- 438. [867]Parklife - [868]Blur
- 439. [869]Sex Machine - [870]James Brown
- 440. [871]Coal Miners Daughter - [872]Loretta Lynn
- 441. [873]Blackout - [874]Britney Spears
- 442. [875]Beauty Behind The Madness - [876]The Weeknd
- 443. [877]Scary Monsters - [878]David Bowie
- 444. [879]Extraordinary Machine - [880]Fiona Apple

445. [881]*Close to the Edge* - [882]Yes
446. [883]*Journey In Satchidanada* - [884]Alice Coltrane
447. [885]*X 100 Pre* - [886]Bad Bunny
448. [887]*Dictionary of Soul* - [888]Otis Redding
449. [889]*Elephant* - [890]The White Stripes
450. [891]*Ram* - [892]Paul and Linda McCartney
451. [893]*First Take* - [894]Roberta Flack
452. [895]*Anthology Diana Ross* - [896]Diana Ross And The Supremes
453. [897]*Pretty Hate Machine* - [898]Nine Inch Nails
454. [899]*Ege Bamyasi* - [900]Can
455. [901]*Bo Diddley*/[902]*Go Bo Diddley* - [903]Bo Diddley
456. [904]*Greatest Hits Al Green* - [905]Al Green
457. [906]*I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got* - [907]Sinéad O'Connor
458. [908]*Southeastern* - [909]Jason Isbell
459. [910]*Man on the Moon The End Of The Day* - [911]Kid Cudi
460. [912]*Melodrama* - [913]Lorde
461. [914]*For Emma* - [915]Bon Iver
462. [916]*The Gilded Palace of Sin* - [917]The Flying Burrito Brothers
463. [918]*Eli And The Thirteenth Confession* - [919]Laura Nyro
464. [920]*Three Plus Three* - [921]The Isley Brothers
465. [922]*The Best of the Classic Years* - [923]King Sunny Ade
466. [924]*The Beach Boys Today!* - [925]The Beach Boys
467. [926]*Black Summers Night* - [927]Maxwell
468. [928]*Some Girls* - [929]The Rolling Stones
469. [930]*Clandestino* - [931]Manu Chao
470. [932]*Four Hundred Degreez* - [933]Juvenile
471. [934]*Surrealistic Pillow* - [935]Jefferson Airplane
472. [936]*Ctrl* - [937]SZA
473. [938]*Barrio Fino* - [939]Daddy Yankee
474. [940]*Number One Record* - [941]Big Star
475. [942]*Sheryl Crow* - [943]Sheryl Crow

476. [944]*Kimono My House* - [945]Sparks
477. [946]*Moanin Inthe Moonlight* - [947]Howlin' Wolf
478. [948]*Something Else by the Kinks* - [949]The Kinks
479. [950]*Amor Prohibido* - [951]Selena
480. [952]*The Weight Of These Wings* - [953]Miranda Lambert
481. [954]*If Youre Feeling Sinister* - [955]Belle and Sebastian
482. [956]*Bizarre Ride II The Pharcyde* - [957]The Pharcyde
483. [958]*The Anthology Muddy Waters* - [959]Muddy Waters
484. [960]*Born This Way* - [961]Lady Gaga
485. [962]*I Want To See The Bright Lights Tonight* - [963]Richard And Linda Thompson
486. [964]*Continuum* - [965]John Mayer
487. [966]*Damaged* - [967]Black Flag
488. [968]*The Stooges* - [969]The Stooges
489. [970]*Back To Mono* - [971]Phil Spector
490. [972]*Heart Like A Wheel* - [973]Linda Ronstadt
491. [974]*Fine Line* - [975]Harry Styles
492. [976]*Nick Of Time* - [977]Bonnie Raitt
493. [978]*Here My Dear* - [979]Marvin Gaye
494. [980]*Presenting The Fabulous Ronettes* - [981]The Ronettes
495. [982]*II* - [983]Boyz II Men
496. [984]*¿Dónde están los ladrones?* - [985]Shakira
497. [986]*The Indestructible Beat Of Soweto* - [987]Various Artists
498. [988]*Suicide Album* - [989]Suicide
499. [990]*Ask Rufus* - [991]Rufus
500. [992]*Funeral* - [993]Arcade Fire

Here are the top 500 from 2003:

1. [994]*Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* - [995]The Beatles
2. [996]*Pet Sounds* - [997]The Beach Boys
3. [998]*Revolver* - [999]The Beatles
4. [1000]*Highway 61 Revisited* - [1001]Bob Dylan

5. [1002]*Rubber Soul* – [1003]The Beatles
6. [1004]*What's Going On* – [1005]Marvin Gaye
7. [1006]*Exile on Main St.* – [1007]The Rolling Stones
8. [1008]*London Calling* – [1009]The Clash
9. [1010]*Blonde on Blonde* – [1011]Bob Dylan
10. [1012]*The White Album* – [1013]The Beatles
11. [1014]*The Sun Sessions* – [1015]Elvis Presley ^{note}
12. [1016]*Kind of Blue* – [1017]Miles Davis
13. [1018]*The Velvet Underground & Nico* – [1019]Velvet Underground
14. [1020]*Abbey Road* – [1021]The Beatles
15. [1022]*Are You Experienced* – The [1023]Jimi Hendrix Experience
16. [1024]*Blood on the Tracks* – [1025]Bob Dylan
17. [1026]*Nevermind* – [1027]Nirvana
18. [1028]*Born to Run* – [1029]Bruce Springsteen
19. [1030]*Astral Weeks* – [1031]Van Morrison
20. [1032]*Thriller* – [1033]Michael Jackson
21. [1034]*The Great Twenty Eight* – [1035]Chuck Berry
22. [1036]*The Complete Recordings* – [1037]Robert Johnson
23. [1038]*John Lennon/Plastic Ono Band* – [1039]John Lennon
24. [1040]*Innervisions* – [1041]Stevie Wonder
25. [1042]*Live at the Apollo* – [1043]James Brown
26. [1044]*Rumours* – [1045]Fleetwood Mac
27. [1046]*The Joshua Tree* – [1047]U2
28. [1048]*Who's Next* – [1049]The Who
29. [1050]*Led Zeppelin* – [1051]Led Zeppelin
30. [1052]*Blue* – [1053]Joni Mitchell
31. [1054]*Bringing It All Back Home* – [1055]Bob Dylan
32. [1056]*Let It Bleed* – [1057]The Rolling Stones
33. [1058]*Ramones* – [1059]The Ramones
34. [1060]*Music From Big Pink* – [1061]The Band
35. [1062]*The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars* – [1063]David Bowie

36. [1064]*Tapestry* – [1065]Carole King
37. [1066]*Hotel California* – [1067]Eagles
38. [1068]*The Anthology (1947–1972)* – [1069]Muddy Waters
39. [1070]*Please Please Me* – [1071]The Beatles
40. [1072]*Forever Changes* – [1073]Love
41. [1074]*Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols* – [1075]Sex Pistols
42. [1076]*The Doors* – [1077]The Doors
43. [1078]*The Dark Side of the Moon* – [1079]Pink Floyd
44. [1080]*Horses* – [1081]Patti Smith
45. "[1082]The Band' – [1083]The Band
46. [1084]*Legend* – [1085]Bob Marley And The Wailers
47. [1086]*A Love Supreme* – [1087]John Coltrane
48. [1088]*It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back* – [1089]Public Enemy
49. [1090]*At Fillmore East* – [1091]The Allman Brothers Band
50. [1092]*Here's Little Richard* – [1093]Little Richard
51. [1094]*Bridge Over Troubled Water* – [1095]Simon & Garfunkel
52. [1096]*Greatest Hits Al Green* – [1097]Al Green
53. [1098]*With the Beatles* – [1099]The Beatles
54. [1100]*The Birth Of Soul The Complete Atlantic Rhythm And Blues Recordings* – [1101]Ray Charles
55. [1102]*Electric Ladyland* – The [1103]Jimi Hendrix Experience
56. [1104]*Elvis Presley* – [1105]Elvis Presley
57. [1106]*Songs in the Key of Life* – [1107]Stevie Wonder
58. [1108]*Beggars Banquet* – [1109]The Rolling Stones
59. [1110]*Chronicle Album* – [1111]Creedence Clearwater Revival
60. [1112]*Trout Mask Replica* – [1113]Captain Beefheart and His Magic Band
61. [1114]*Greatest Hits Sly Stone* – [1115]Sly and the Family Stone
62. [1116]*Appetite for Destruction* – [1117]Guns N' Roses
63. [1118]*Achtung Baby* – [1119]U2
64. [1120]*Sticky Fingers* – [1121]The Rolling Stones
65. [1122]*Back To Mono* – [1123]Phil Spector
66. [1124]*Moondance* – [1125]Van Morrison

67. [1126]*Kid A* – [1127]Radiohead
68. [1128]*Off the Wall* – [1129]Michael Jackson
69. [1130]*Led Zeppelin IV* – [1131]Led Zeppelin
70. [1132]*The Stranger Album* – [1133]Billy Joel
71. [1134]*Graceland* – [1135]Paul Simon
72. [1136]*Superfly Album* – [1137]Curtis Mayfield
73. [1138]*Physical Graffiti* – [1139]Led Zeppelin
74. [1140]*After the Gold Rush* – [1141]Neil Young
75. [1142]*Star Time* – [1143]James Brown
76. [1144]*Purple Rain* – [1145]Prince and the Revolution
77. [1146]*Back in Black* – [1147]AC/DC
78. [1148]*Otis Blue* – [1149]Otis Redding
79. [1150]*Led Zeppelin II* – [1151]Led Zeppelin
80. [1152]*Imagine* – [1153]John Lennon
81. [1154]*The Clash Album* – [1155]The Clash
82. [1156]*Harvest Album* – [1157]Neil Young
83. [1158]*Axis: Bold as Love* – The [1159]Jimi Hendrix Experience
84. [1160]*I Never Loved A Man The Way I Love You* – [1161]Aretha Franklin
85. [1162]*Lady Soul* – [1163]Aretha Franklin
86. [1164]*Born In The USA* – [1165]Bruce Springsteen
87. [1166]*The Wall* – [1167]Pink Floyd
88. [1168]*At Folsom Prison* – [1169]Johnny Cash
89. [1170]*Dusty In Memphis* – [1171]Dusty Springfield
90. [1172]*Talking Book* – [1173]Stevie Wonder
91. [1174]*Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* – [1175]Elton John
92. [1176]*TwentyGoldenGreats* – [1177]Buddy Holly and the Crickets
93. [1178]*Sign 'X' the Times* – [1179]Prince
94. [1180]*FortyGreatestHits* – [1181]Hank Williams
95. [1182]*Bitches Brew* – [1183]Miles Davis
96. [1184]*Tommy* – [1185]The Who
97. [1186]*The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan* – [1187]Bob Dylan

98. [1188]*This Year's Model* – [1189]Elvis Costello
99. [1190]*Theres A Riot Goin On* – [1191]Sly and the Family Stone
100. [1192]*Odessey and Oracle* – [1193]The Zombies
101. [1194]*In the Wee Small Hours* – [1195]Frank Sinatra
102. [1196]*Fresh Cream* – [1197]Cream
103. [1198]*Giant Steps* – [1199]John Coltrane
104. [1200]*Sweet Baby James* – [1201]James Taylor
105. [1202]*Modern Sounds in Country and Western Music* – [1203]Ray Charles
106. [1204]*Rocket to Russia* – [1205]Ramones
107. [1206]*Portrait Of A Legend* – [1207]Sam Cooke
108. [1208]*Hunky Dory* – [1209]David Bowie
109. [1210]*Aftermath* – [1211]The Rolling Stones
110. [1212]*Loaded* – [1213]Velvet Underground
111. [1214]*The Bends* – [1215]Radiohead
112. [1216]*If You Can Believe Your Eyes And Ears* – [1217]The Mamas & the Papas
113. [1218]*Court And Spark* – [1219]Joni Mitchell
114. [1220]*Disraeli Gears* – [1221]Cream
115. [1222]*The Who Sell Out* – [1223]The Who
116. [1224]*Out of Our Heads* – [1225]The Rolling Stones
117. [1226]*Layla and Other Assorted Love Songs* – [1227]Derek and the Dominos
118. [1228]*Late Registration* – [1229]Kanye West
119. [1230]*At Last* – [1231]Etta James
120. [1232]*Sweetheart Of The Rodeo* – [1233]The Byrds
121. [1234]*Stand!* – [1235]Sly and the Family Stone
122. [1236]*The Harder They Come* – [1237]Jimmy Cliff
123. [1238]*Raising Hell* – [1239]Run-D.M.C.
124. [1240]*Moby Grape Album* – [1241]Moby Grape
125. [1242]*Pearl* – [1243]Janis Joplin
126. [1244]*Catch a Fire* – [1245]Bob Marley and the Wailers
127. [1246]*Younger Than Yesterday* – [1247]The Byrds
128. [1248]*Raw Power* – [1249]The Stooges

129. [1250]*Remain in Light* – [1251]Talking Heads
130. [1252]*Marquee Moon* – [1253]Television
131. [1254]*Paranoid* – [1255]Black Sabbath
132. [1256]*Saturday Night Fever* – Various Artists
133. [1257]*The Wild The Innocent And The E Street Shuffle* – [1258]Bruce Springsteen
134. [1259]*Ready to Die* – [1260]The Notorious B.I.G.
135. [1261]*Slanted And Enchanted* – [1262]Pavement
136. [1263]*Greatest Hits Elton John* – [1264]Elton John
137. [1265]*Tim* – [1266]The Replacements
138. [1267]*The Chronic* – [1268]Dr. Dre
139. [1269]*Rejuvenation Album* – [1270]The Meters
140. [1271]*Parallel Lines* – [1272]Blondie
141. [1273]*Live At The Regal* – [1274]B.B. King
142. [1275]*A Christmas Gift For You From Phil Spector* – [1276]Phil Spector
143. [1277]*Gris Gris* – [1278]Dr John
144. [1279]*Straight Outta Compton* – [1280]N.W.A.
145. [1281]*Aja* – [1282]Steely Dan
146. [1283]*Surrealistic Pillow* – [1284]Jefferson Airplane
147. [1285]*Deja Vu Album* – [1286]Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
148. [1287]*Houses of the Holy* – [1288]Led Zeppelin
149. [1289]*Santana 1969* – [1290]Santana
150. [1291]*Darkness On The Edge Of Town* – [1292]Bruce Springsteen
151. [1293]*Funeral* – [1294]Arcade Fire
152. [1295]*The B52s Album* – [1296]The B-52s
153. [1297]*The Low End Theory* – [1298]A Tribe Called Quest
154. [1299]*Moanin' in the Moonlight* – [1300]Howlin' Wolf
155. [1301]*Pretenders* – [1302]The Pretenders
156. [1303]*Paul's Boutique* – [1304]Beastie Boys
157. [1305]*Closer* – [1306]Joy Division
158. [1307]*Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy* – [1308]Elton John
159. [1309]*Alive Music* – [1310]Kiss

160. [1311]*Electric Warrior* - [1312]T. Rex
161. [1313]*The Dock Of The Bay* - [1314]Otis Redding
162. [1315]*OK Computer* - [1316]Radiohead
163. [1317]*Nineteen Ninety Nine* - [1318]Prince
164. [1319]*The Very Best Of Linda Ronstadt* - [1320]Linda Ronstadt
165. [1321]*Lets Get It On* - [1322]Marvin Gaye
166. [1323]*Imperial Bedroom* - [1324]Elvis Costello
167. [1325]*Master of Puppets* - [1326]Metallica
168. [1327]*My Aim Is True* - [1328]Elvis Costello
169. [1329]*Exodus (album)* - [1330]Bob Marley And The Wailers
170. [1331]*Live At Leeds* - [1332]The Who
171. [1333]*The Notorious Byrd Brothers* - [1334]The Byrds
172. [1335]*Every Picture Tells A Story* - [1336]Rod Stewart
173. [1337]*Something/Anything?* - [1338]Todd Rundgren
174. [1339]*Desire* - [1340]Bob Dylan
175. [1341]*Close To You* - [1342]Carpenters
176. [1343]*Rocks Album* - [1344]Aerosmith
177. [1345]*One Nation Under a Groove* - [1346]Funkadelic
178. [1347]*The Anthology Curtis Mayfield* - [1348]Curtis Mayfield And The Impressions
179. [1349]*The Definitive Collection* - [1350]ABBA
180. [1351]*The Rolling Stones No. 2* - [1352]The Rolling Stones
181. [1353]*Natty Dread* - [1354]Bob Marley And The Wailers
182. [1355]*Fleetwood Mac Album* - [1356]Fleetwood Mac
183. [1357]*Red Headed Stranger* - [1358]Willie Nelson
184. [1359]*The Immaculate Collection* - [1360]Madonna
185. [1361]*The Stooges (Album)* - [1362]The Stooges
186. [1363]*FRESHAlbum* - [1364]Sly and the Family Stone
187. [1365]*So* - [1366]Peter Gabriel
188. [1367]*Buffalo Springfield Again* - [1368]Buffalo Springfield
189. [1369]*Happy Trails* - [1370]Quicksilver Messenger Service
190. [1371]*From Elvis in Memphis* - [1372]Elvis Presley

191. [1373]*Fun House* – [1374]The Stooges
192. [1375]*The Gilded Palace Of Sin* – [1376]The Flying Burrito Brothers
193. [1377]*Dookie* – [1378]Green Day
194. [1379]*Transformer* – [1380]Lou Reed
195. [1381]*Blues Breakers* – [1382]John Mayall And The Bluesbreakers
196. [1383]*Nuggets Original Artyfacts From The First Psychedelic Era* – Various Artists
197. [1384]*Murmur* – [1385]R.E.M.
198. [1386]*The Best Of Little Walter* – [1387]Little Walter
199. [1388]*Is This It* – [1389]The Strokes
200. [1390]*Highway to Hell* – [1391]AC/DC
201. [1392]*The Downward Spiral* – [1393]Nine Inch Nails
202. [1394]*Parsley Sage Rosemary And Thyme* – [1395]Simon & Garfunkel
203. [1396]*Bad* – [1397]Michael Jackson
204. [1398]*Modern Times Album* – [1399]Bob Dylan
205. [1400]*Wheels Of Fire* – [1401]Cream
206. [1402]*Dirty Mind* – [1403]Prince
207. [1404]*Abraxas* – [1405]Santana
208. [1406]*Tea For The Tillerman* – [1407]Cat Stevens
209. [1408]*Ten* – [1409]Pearl Jam
210. [1410]*Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere* – [1411]Neil Young and Crazy Horse
211. [1412]*Wish You Were Here* – [1413]Pink Floyd
212. [1414]*Crooked Rain Crooked Rain* – [1415]Pavement
213. [1416]*Tattoo You* – [1417]The Rolling Stones
214. [1418]*Proud Mary The Best Of Ike And Tina Turner* – [1419]Ike and Tina Turner
215. [1420]*New York Dolls Album* – [1421]New York Dolls
216. [1422]*Bo Diddley Go Bo Diddley* – [1423]Bo Diddley
217. [1424]*Two Steps From The Blues* – [1425]Bobby Bland
218. [1426]*The Queen Is Dead* – [1427]The Smiths
219. [1428]*Licensed to Ill* – [1429]Beastie Boys
220. [1430]*Look Ka Py Py* – [1431]The Meters
221. [1432]*Loveless* – [1433]My Bloody Valentine

222. [1434]*New Orleans Piano* – [1435]Professor Longhair
223. [1436]*War* – [1437]U2
224. [1438]*The Neil Diamond Collection* – [1439]Neil Diamond
225. [1440]*American Idiot* – [1441]Green Day
226. [1442]*Nebraska Album* – [1443]Bruce Springsteen
227. [1444]*Doolittle* – [1445]The Pixies
228. [1446]*Paid in Full* – [1447]Eric B. & Rakim
229. [1448]*Toys In The Attic* – [1449]Aerosmith
230. [1450]*Nick Of Time* – [1451]Bonnie Raitt
231. [1452]*A Night at the Opera* – [1453]Queen
232. [1454]*The Kink Kronikles* – [1455]The Kinks
233. [1456]*Mr. Tambourine Man* – [1457]The Byrds
234. [1458]*Bookends Album* – [1459]Simon & Garfunkel
235. [1460]*The Ultimate Collection Patsy Cline* – [1461]Patsy Cline
236. [1462]*Mr Excitement* – [1463]Jackie Wilson
237. [1464]*My Generation* – [1465]The Who
238. [1466]*The Howlin' Wolf Album* – [1467]Howlin' Wolf
239. [1468]*Like a Prayer* – [1469]Madonna
240. [1470]*Cant Buy A Thrill* – [1471]Steely Dan
241. [1472]*Let It Be The Replacements Album* – [1473]The Replacements
242. [1474]*Run-D.M.C. (Album)* – [1475]Run-D.M.C.
243. *Black Sabbath* – [1476]Black Sabbath
244. [1477]*The Marshall Mathers LP* – [1478]Eminem
245. [1479]*All Killer No Filler The Anthology* – [1480]Jerry Lee Lewis
246. [1481]*Freak Out* – [1482]The Mothers of Invention
247. [1483]*Live Dead* – [1484]Grateful Dead
248. [1485]*The Shape of Jazz to Come* – [1486]Ornette Coleman
249. [1487]*Automatic for the People* – [1488]R.E.M.
250. [1489]*Reasonable Doubt* – [1490]Jay-Z
251. [1491]*Low* – [1492]David Bowie
252. [1493]*The Blueprint* – [1494]Jay-Z

253. [1495]*The River* – [1496]Bruce Springsteen
254. [1497]*Complete And Unbelievable The Otis Redding Dictionary Of Soul* – [1498]Otis Redding
255. [1499]*Metallica Album* – [1500]Metallica
256. [1501]*Trans-Europe Express* – [1502]Kraftwerk
257. [1503]*Whitney Houston Album* – [1504]Whitney Houston
258. [1505]*The Kinks Are the Village Green Preservation Society* – [1506]The Kinks
259. [1507]*The Velvet Rope* – [1508]Janet Jackson
260. [1509]*Stardust Album* – [1510]Willie Nelson
261. [1511]*American Beauty* – [1512]Grateful Dead
262. [1513]*Crosby Stills And Nash Album* - [1514]Crosby, Stills & Nash
263. [1515]*Tracy Chapman Album* – [1516]Tracy Chapman
264. [1517]*Workingmans Dead* – [1518]Grateful Dead
265. [1519]*The Genius Of Ray Charles* – [1520]Ray Charles
266. [1521]*Child Is Father To The Man* – [1522]Blood Sweat And Tears
267. [1523]*Quadrophenia* – [1524]The Who
268. [1525]*Paul Simon Album* – [1526]Paul Simon
269. [1527]*Psychocandy* – [1528]The Jesus and Mary Chain
270. [1529]*Some Girls* – [1530]The Rolling Stones
271. [1531]*The Beach Boys Today!* – [1532]The Beach Boys
272. [1533]*Dig Me Out* – [1534]Sleater-Kinney
273. [1535]*Going To A Go Go* – [1536]Smokey Robinson And The Miracles
274. [1537]*Nightbirds* – [1538]LabelleArtist
275. [1539]*The Slim Shady LP* – [1540]Eminem
276. [1541]*Mothership Connection* - [1542]Parliament
277. [1543]*Rhythm Nation 1814* – [1544]Janet Jackson
278. [1545]*Anthology Of American Folk Music* – Various Artists
279. [1546]*Aladdin Sane* – [1547]David Bowie
280. [1548]*All That You Can't Leave Behind* – [1549]U2
281. [1550]*My Life* – [1551]Mary J. Blige
282. [1552]*Folk Singer* – [1553]Muddy Waters
283. [1554]*Cant Get Enough* – [1555]Barry White

284. [1556]*The Cars Album* – [1557]*The Cars*
285. [1558]*Music Of My Mind* – [1559]*Stevie Wonder*
286. [1560]*Im Still In Love With You* – [1561]*Al Green*
287. [1562]*Los Angeles Album* – [1563]*X*
288. [1564]*Anthem of the Sun* – [1565]*Grateful Dead*
289. [1566]*Something Else by the Kinks* – [1567]*The Kinks*
290. [1568]*Call Me* – [1569]*Al Green*
291. [1570]*Talking Heads: 77* – [1571]*Talking Heads*
292. [1572]*The Basement Tapes* – [1573]*Bob Dylan And* [1574]*The Band*
293. [1575]*White Light/White Heat* – [1576]*Velvet Underground*
294. [1577]*Kick Out the Jams* – [1578]*MC5*
295. [1579]*Songs of Love and Hate* – [1580]*Leonard Cohen*
296. [1581]*Meat Is Murder* – [1582]*The Smiths*
297. [1583]*We're Only in It for the Money* – [1584]*The Mothers of Invention*
298. [1585]*The College Dropout* – [1586]*Kanye West*
299. [1587]*The Blue Album* – [1588]*Weezer*
300. *Master of Reality* – [1589]*Black Sabbath*
301. [1590]*Coat of Many Colors* – [1591]*Dolly Parton*
302. [1592]*Fear of a Black Planet* – [1593]*Public Enemy*
303. [1594]*John Wesley Harding* – [1595]*Bob Dylan*
304. [1596]*Grace* – [1597]*Jeff Buckley*
305. [1598]*Car Wheels On A Gravel Road* – [1599]*Lucinda Williams*
306. [1600]*Odelay* – [1601]*Beck*
307. [1602]*A Hard Day's Night* – [1603]*The Beatles*
308. [1604]*Songs for Swingin' Lovers!* – [1605]*Frank Sinatra*
309. [1606]*Willy and the Poor Boys* – [1607]*Creedence Clearwater Revival*
310. [1608]*Blood Sugar Sex Magik* – [1609]*Red Hot Chili Peppers*
311. [1610]*The Sun Records Collection* – *Various Artists*
312. [1611]*Nothings Shocking* – [1612]*Jane's Addiction*
313. [1613]*MTV Unplugged in New York* – [1614]*Nirvana*
314. [1615]*The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* – [1616]*Lauryn Hill*

315. [1617]*Damn The Torpedoes* – [1618]Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers
316. [1619]*The Velvet Underground 1969* – [1620]Velvet Underground
317. [1621]*Surfer Rosa* – [1622]The Pixies
318. [1623]*Back Stabbers* – [1624]The O Jays
319. [1625]*Burnin'* – [1626]Bob Marley and the Wailers
320. [1627]*Amnesiac* – [1628]Radiohead
321. [1629]*Pink Moon* – [1630]Nick Drake
322. [1631]*Sail Away* – [1632]Randy Newman
323. [1633]*Ghost In The Machine* – [1634]The Police
324. [1635]*Station to Station* – [1636]David Bowie
325. [1637]*Slowhand* – [1638]Eric Clapton
326. [1639]*Disintegration* – [1640]The Cure
327. [1641]*Exile in Guyville* – [1642]Liz Phair
328. [1643]*Daydream Nation* – [1644]Sonic Youth
329. [1645]*In The Jungle Groove* – [1646]James Brown
330. [1647]*Tonights The Night* – [1648]Neil Young
331. [1649]*Help!* – [1650]The Beatles
332. [1651]*Shoot Out The Lights* – [1652]Richard And Linda Thompson
333. [1653]*Wild Gift* – [1654]X
334. [1655]*Squeezing Out Sparks* – [1656]Graham Parker
335. [1657]*Superunknown* – [1658]Soundgarden
336. [1659]*In Rainbows* – [1660]Radiohead
337. [1661]*Aqualung* – [1662]Jethro Tull
338. [1663]*Cheap Thrills* – [1664]Big Brother and the Holding Company
339. [1665]*The Heart of Saturday Night* – [1666]Tom Waits
340. [1667]*Damaged* – [1668]Black Flag
341. [1669]*Play* – [1670]Moby
342. [1671]*Violator* – [1672]Depeche Mode
343. [1673]*Bat Out of Hell* – [1674]Meat Loaf
344. [1675]*Berlin* – [1676]Lou Reed
345. [1677]*Stop Making Sense* – [1678]Talking Heads

346. [1679]*Three Feet High And Rising* – [1680]De La Soul
347. [1681]*The Piper at the Gates of Dawn* – [1682]Pink Floyd
348. [1683]*At Newport 1960* – [1684]Muddy Waters
349. [1685]*The Black Album* – [1686]Jay-Z
350. [1687]*Roger the Engineer* – [1688]The Yardbirds
351. [1689]*Rust Never Sleeps* – [1690]Neil Young and Crazy Horse
352. [1691]*Brothers in Arms* – [1692]Dire Straits
353. [1693]*My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy* – [1694]Kanye West
354. [1695]*Fifty Second Street* – [1696]Billy Joel
355. [1697]*Having a Rave Up* – [1698]The Yardbirds
356. [1699]*Twelve Songs* – [1700]Randy Newman
357. [1701]*Between the Buttons* – [1702]The Rolling Stones
358. [1703]*Sketches of Spain* – [1704]Miles Davis
359. [1705]*Honky Chateau* – [1706]Elton John
360. [1707]*Singles Going Steady* – [1708]Buzzcocks
361. [1709]*Stankonia* – [1710]Outkast
362. [1711]*Siamese Dream* – [1712]The Smashing Pumpkins
363. [1713]*Substance (New Order Album)* – [1714]New Order
364. [1715]*L.A. Woman* – [1716]The Doors
365. [1717]*Rage Against The Machine Album* – [1718]Rage Against the Machine
366. [1719]*American Recordings* – [1720]Johnny Cash
367. [1721]*Ray of Light* – [1722]Madonna
368. [1723]*Eagles Album* – [1724]Eagles
369. [1725]*Louder Than Bombs* – [1726]The Smiths
370. [1727]*Mott* – [1728]Mott the Hoople
371. [1729]*Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not* – [1730]Arctic Monkeys
372. [1731]*Reggatta De Blanc* – [1732]The Police
373. [1733]*Volunteers Album* – [1734]Jefferson Airplane
374. [1735]*Siren Album* – [1736]Roxy Music
375. [1737]*Late For The Sky* – [1738]Jackson Browne
376. [1739]*Post* – [1740]Björk

- 377. [1741]*The Ultimate Collection John Lee Hooker* – [1742]John Lee Hooker
- 378. [1743](*What's the Story*) *Morning Glory?* – [1744]Oasis
- 379. [1745]*Crazysexycool* – [1746]TLC
- 380. [1747]*FunkyKingston* – [1748]Toots And The Maytals
- 381. [1749]*SMiLE* – [1750]The Beach Boys
- 382. [1751]*The Modern Lovers Album* – [1752]The Modern Lovers
- 383. [1753]*More Songs About Buildings and Food* – [1754]Talking Heads
- 384. [1755]*A Quick One* – [1756]The Who
- 385. [1757]*Love And Theft* – [1758]Bob Dylan
- 386. [1759]*Pretzel Logic* – [1760]Steely Dan
- 387. [1761]*Enter The Wu Tang 36 Chambers* – [1762]Wu-Tang Clan
- 388. [1763]*The Indestructible Beat Of Soweto* – Various Artists
- 389. [1764]*The End Of The Innocence* – [1765]Don Henley
- 390. [1766]*Elephant* – [1767]The White Stripes
- 391. [1768]*The Pretender* – [1769]Jackson Browne
- 392. [1770]*Let It Be* – [1771]The Beatles
- 393. [1772]*Kala* – [1773]M.I.A.
- 394. [1774]*Good Old Boys* – [1775]Randy Newman
- 395. [1776]*Sound Of Silver* – [1777]LCD Soundsystem
- 396. [1778]*For Your Pleasure* – [1779]Roxy Music
- 397. [1780]*Blue Lines* – [1781]Massive Attack
- 398. [1782]*Eliminator* – [1783]ZZ Top
- 399. [1784]*Rain Dogs* – [1785]Tom Waits
- 400. [1786]*Anthology The Temptations* – [1787]The Temptations
- 401. [1788]*Californication* – [1789]Red Hot Chili Peppers
- 402. [1790]*Illmatic* – [1791]Nas
- 403. [1792]*Pronounced Lehnerd Skinnerd* – [1793]Lynyrd Skynyrd
- 404. [1794]*Dr Johns Gumbo* – [1795]Dr John
- 405. [1796]*Radio City* – [1797]Big Star
- 406. [1798]*Rid of Me* – [1799]PJ Harvey
- 407. [1800]*Sandinista!* – [1801]The Clash

- 408. [1802]*I Do Not Want What I Havent Got* – [1803]Sinéad O'Connor
- 409. [1804]*Strange Days* – [1805]The Doors
- 410. [1806]*Time Out of Mind* – [1807]Bob Dylan
- 411. [1808]*FourSixOneOceanBoulevard* – [1809]Eric Clapton
- 412. [1810]*Pink Flag* – [1811]Wire
- 413. [1812]*Double Nickels On The Dime* – [1813]Minutemen
- 414. [1814]*Beauty And The Beat* – [1815]The Go-Go's
- 415. [1816]*Van Halen Album* – [1817]Van Halen
- 416. [1818]*Mule Variations* – [1819]Tom Waits
- 417. [1820]*Boy* – [1821]U2
- 418. [1822]*Band on the Run* – [1823]Wings
- 419. [1824]*Dummy* – [1825]Portishead
- 420. [1826]*The Chirping Crickets* – [1827]Buddy Holly and the Crickets
- 421. [1828]*The Best Of The Girl Groups* – Various Artists
- 422. [1829]*Presenting The Fabulous Ronettes Featuring Veronica* – [1830]The Ronettes
- 423. [1831]*Anthology Diana Ross* – [1832]Diana Ross And The Supremes
- 424. [1833]*The Rising* – [1834]Bruce Springsteen
- 425. [1835]*Grievous Angel* – [1836]Gram Parsons
- 426. [1837]*At Budokan* – [1838]Cheap Trick
- 427. [1839]*Sleepless Album* – [1840]Peter Wolf
- 428. [1841]*Outlandos d'Amour* – [1842]The Police
- 429. [1843]*Another Green World* – [1844]Brian Eno
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Will Biden 'Condemn' the Stalinist Regime Whose Lifelong Obsession Is the Destruction of the US? (2020-10-03 20:14)

Chris Wallace: "Are you willing tonight to condemn white supremacists and militia groups..."

President Trump: "Sure...What do you want to call them? Give me a name."

Chris Wallace: "White supremacists and right-wing militias."

BIDEN: "Proud Boys"

Trump: "Proud Boys, stand back and stand by. But I'll tell you what, somebody's got to do something about Antifa and the left."

[1](Above: excerpts from Tuesday's debate.)

Never mind that the leader of “white supremacist” Proud Boys is a Cuban-American of mixed white and black ancestry, who proudly bills himself as “afro-Cuban.” In others words he’s a “mulatto.” In other words he’s every bit as “black” (by U.S. standards) as Kamala Harris or even Barack Obama. In fact, he’s probably much *blacker* than Black Lives Matter publicist Shaun King.

But enough about race. The issue here is Chris Wallace and Joe Biden’s grotesque double-standard in requesting “condemnation” and “disavowal” of “hate groups,” by presidential candidates.

Let’s take a terror-sponsoring, mass-murdering regime that jailed and tortured at rates surpassing Stalin’s during the Great Terror (including the longest-suffering *black* political prisoners in modern history of the Western Hemisphere), that murdered more political prisoners in its first three years in power than Hitler’s murdered in its first six, that brought the world to the brink of nuclear war – and whose lifelong obsession is *the destruction of the U.S.*

For sane people “disavowing” and/or condemning such a regime would display more of the attributes making for an effective U.S. president than would any condemnation of the “Proud Boys,” especially as this terror-sponsoring regime sits on our very doorstep, geographically speaking, and its agents are responsible for the most damaging penetration of our Defense Department [2]since the “end” of the Cold War.

That this regime (as amply demonstrated by its KGB-founded and mentored media) endorses Biden didn’t seem to bother Chris Wallace, much less Joe Biden, whose wife actually made a tourism commercial to boost the income of this terror-sponsoring regime—and did so in full and proud partnership with a Cuban spy who had been expelled from the U.S. for espionage!

If the above sounds too outrageous to possibly be true, I invite you to peruse the rapturous reception Jill Biden received from [3]Cuba’s media along with part of the tourism commercial itself here.

But maybe it’s unfair to single out *one* Democrat (even is he is the presidential candidate) for his odes to Castroism? After all, when perusing the historical record, such love songs to the regime whose lifelong obsession is the destruction of the U.S. seem practically like a Democrat ritual. A sampling:

“Everybody was totally convinced that Castro was the worst guy in the world and all of the Cuban people were going to rise up in rebellion against Fidel Castro. They forgot that he educated their kids, gave their kids health care, totally transformed the society,” said [4]former candidate for the Democrat presidential nomination Bernie Sanders.

In fact, Bernie Sanders has many Democrat precursors in this department. To wit:

“Fidel Castro first and foremost is and always has been a committed egalitarian. He wanted a system that provided the basic needs to all Cuba has superb systems of health care and universal education...We greeted each other as old friends,” commented former President of the United States and official “Elder Statesman” [5]of the *Democrat* Party, Jimmy Carter.

“Fidel Castro is very shy and sensitive, I frankly like him and regard him as a friend,” noted *Democrat* presidential candidate, Presidential Medal of Freedom winner, and [6]“Conscience of the *Democrat* party” George McGovern.

“Viva Fidel! Viva Che!,” said two-time candidate for the *Democrat* presidential nomination Jesse Jackson, bellowing while arm in arm [7]with Fidel Castro himself in 1984.

“Countries like Cuba or Canada or Russia or a lot of places in this world spend half what we spend per capita and they got better health outcomes than we do,” claimed Deputy Chair of the Democratic National Committee [8]Rep. Keith Ellison.

“Medical care—the life expectancy of Cubans is equivalent to that of the United States, despite it being a very poor country, because they have access to health care. That’s a huge achievement. *They should be congratulated!*” exclaimed Democrat U.S. President Barack Obama.

And lest anyone think Obama was blustering empty campaign rhetoric, he proved the veracity of his praise for the sh*thole level, sub-third-world healthcare in Stalinist Cuba by actually putting his pen where his mouth was:

“The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (under Obama) and the Cuban government on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding to encourage cooperation between the two countries on health matters...Cuba has made significant contributions to health and science,” HHS Secretary (under Obama) Sylvia Mathews Burwell said in a statement. “This new collaboration is a historic opportunity for two nations to build on each other’s knowledge and experience, and benefit biomedical research and public health at large.”

Of course it's unfair to condemn a son for the sins of his father. But just for fun, let's have a look at how Chris Wallace's father reacted while hob-knobbing with Fidel Castro. [9]Don't miss the smile on his beaming face.

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Donald Trump's personal letter before November election (2020-10-04 18:14)

DONALD J. TRUMP

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Monday Morning

Dear Mr. _____,

I'm not one to mince words so I'll get right to the point.

I need your help and I need it NOW!

Mr. _____, please understand that we are facing an extremely serious situation. The 2020 elections are a battle for the soul of America. At stake in this fight is the survival of our Democracy. Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and the Democrats are going all-out to defeat me so they can impose their radical Big Government Socialist agenda on our nation – and change our great country FOREVER.

Working with the Liberal mainstream media, they are trying to discredit me with ridiculous and false accusations by spreading their fake news and making it appear that I do not have the support of America's voters and by flaunting bogus polls and ignoring the truth about my accomplishments.

It is truly unbelievable.

That is why I am calling on you to complete and return your enclosed **Presidential Pledge of Support** by October 22nd. With the election only 5 weeks away, I want you to go on the record right now and tell Sleepy Joe Biden, the Fake News Media, and the Big Government Socialists **THAT YOU STILL STAND WITH ME!**

A lot of people here in Washington – and in the Fake News media – are trying to spread the lie that somehow the millions of people, like you, who voted for me and believe in my America First Agenda have now turned against me.

I want to show them they're wrong. And I need your personal involvement to do it. Your signed Pledge of Support will help me prove to the mainstream media, the Liberal newsmongers, and the sinister anti-Trump forces that the majority of Americans believe in my agenda and that they want me to continue to lead the way in solving our nation's critical issues.

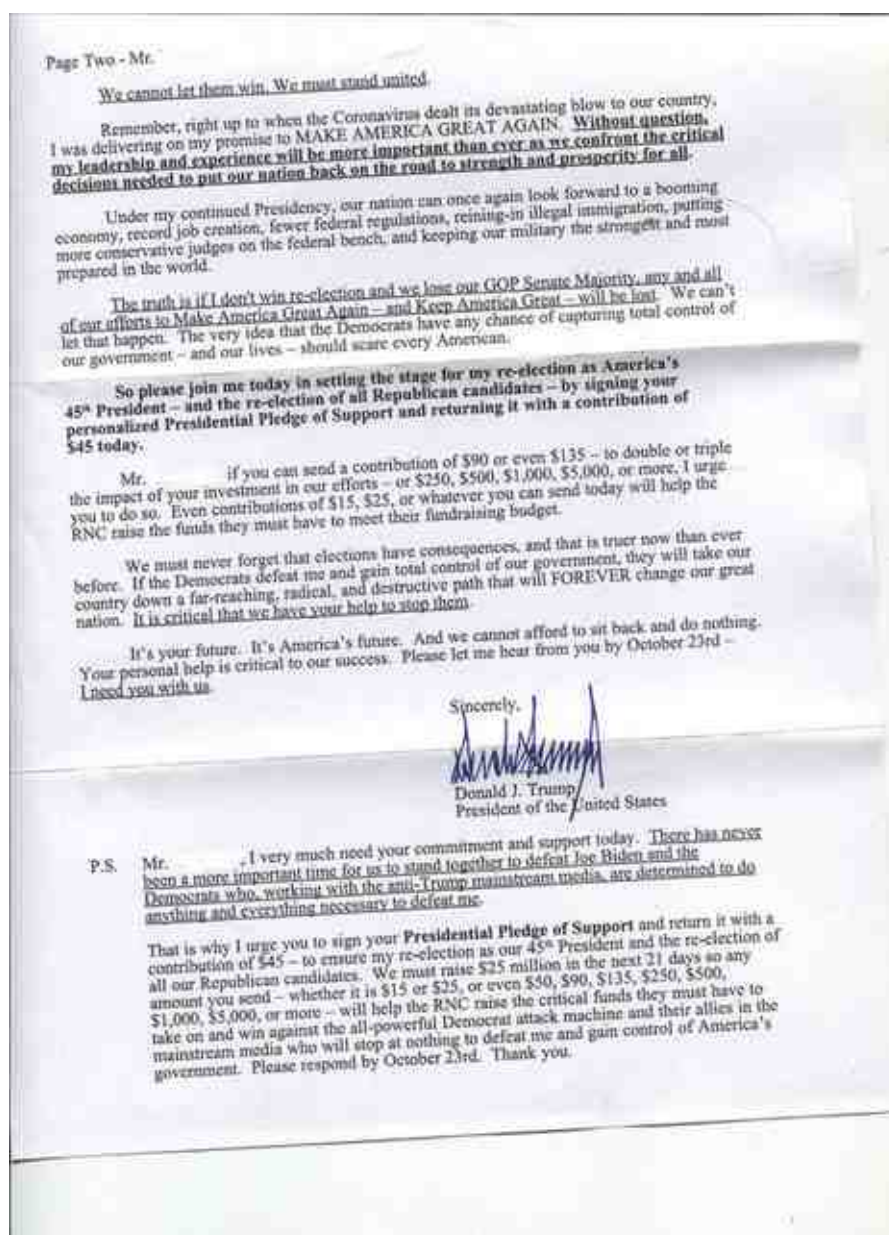
Mr. _____, in addition to returning your signed Pledge of Support, I also need you to help the Republican National Committee raise \$25 million in the next 21 days by returning an Emergency Contribution of \$45 – to make sure I am re-elected President of the United States and to support our Republican candidates up and down the ballot. If you can send a contribution of \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, or more, please do.

By financially supporting the RNC today, you can help us get the truth out to America's voters about my agenda and accomplishments and at the same time enable the RNC to fully implement their state-of-the-art grassroots Get-Out-The-Vote operation that is critical to victory.

Mr. _____, if we fail to retain control of the White House, Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and the Self-Serving Democrats will bring a wrecking ball to all of our accomplishments and put in place a disastrous Big Government Socialist agenda of soaring tax rates, lawlessness and mob rule in cities across the country, job-killing regulations, a weakened military, and a failed foreign policy.

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The Frankfurt School and the War on the West (2020-10-09 10:47)

If the Boy Scouts of America corporation seems oddly anti-boy and anti-American to you, it probably is thanks to its subversion and takeover by adherents of the Marxist-Leninist Frankfurt School.

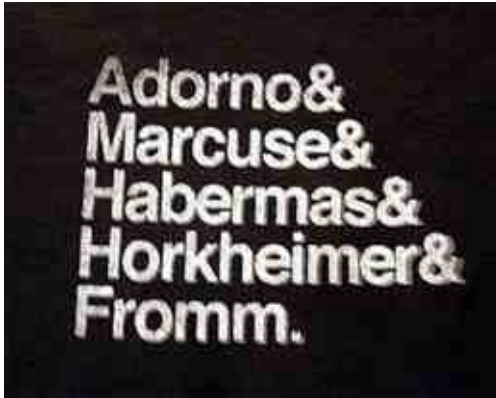
Read this wonderful summary from Bill Muehlenberg's Culture Watch blog and tell me if he doesn't describe it perfectly.

By [1]Bill Muhlenberg

May 11, 2009

The cultural and ideological battles raging around us do not exist in a vacuum, nor have they happened by accident. There are those who hate the West and want to destroy it and make it into their own image. Many groups and individuals are actively at work in this assault on the West.

Many movements and groups can be mentioned, but here I wish to focus on just one. It has been hugely influential in undermining the West and bringing about cultural Marxism. Even though Marxism as a political force is greatly diminished, it is still alive and well in its cultural form. I refer to the Frankfurt School.



[2]

Much has been written on this revolutionary movement, and all that can be done here is to offer a brief summary of it and its influence. And given that very good write-ups already exist, I will not reinvent the wheel here. Instead I will draw upon a helpful recent summary article by Timothy Matthews.

Just what exactly is the Frankfurt School? “Well, in the days following the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, it was believed that workers’ revolution would sweep into Europe and, eventually, into the United States. But it did not do so. Towards the end of 1922 the Communist International (Comintern) began to consider what were the reasons. On Lenin’s initiative a meeting was organised at the Marx-Engels Institute in Moscow.

“The aim of the meeting was to clarify the concept of, and give concrete effect to, a Marxist cultural revolution. Amongst those present were Georg Lukacs (a Hungarian Marxist theoretician he developed the idea of ‘Revolution and Eros’ – sexual instinct used as an instrument of destruction) and Willi Munzenberg (whose proposed solution was to ‘organise the intellectuals and use them to make Western civilisation stink. Only then, after they have corrupted all its values and made life impossible, can we impose the dictatorship of the proletariat’)”

The ‘School’ was started at the University of Frankfurt in 1923. “When Hitler came to power, the Institut was closed and its members, by various routes, fled to the United States and migrated to major US universities – Columbia, Princeton, Brandeis, and California at Berkeley.”

Many important names are associated with the School: “The School included among its members the 1960s guru of the New Left Herbert Marcuse, Max Horkheimer, Theodor Adorno, the popular writer Erich Fromm, Leo Lowenthal, and Jurgen Habermas – possibly the School’s most influential representative.”

So what was the aim of these men? “Basically, the Frankfurt School believed that as long as an individual had the belief – or even the hope of belief – that his divine gift of reason could solve the problems facing society, then that society would never reach the state of hopelessness and alienation that they considered necessary to provoke socialist revolution. Their task, therefore, was as swiftly as possible to undermine the Judaeo-Christian legacy. To do this they called for the most negative destructive criticism possible of every sphere of life which would be designed to destabilize society and bring down what they saw as the ‘oppressive’ order. Their policies, they hoped, would spread like a virus—‘continuing the work of the Western Marxists by other means’ as one of their members noted.”

They devised strategies by which the destruction of the West could quickly and effectively take place: “To further the advance of their ‘quiet’ cultural revolution – but giving us no ideas about their plans for the future – the School recommended (among other things):

- “1. The creation of racism offences.
2. Continual change to create confusion.
3. The teaching of sex and homosexuality to children.
4. The undermining of schools’ and teachers’ authority.
5. Huge immigration to destroy identity.
6. The promotion of excessive drinking.
7. Emptying of churches.
8. An unreliable legal system with bias against victims of crime.
9. Dependency on the state or state benefits.
10. Control and dumbing down of media.
11. Encouraging the breakdown of the family.”

If anyone is wondering why the West is embarked upon sexual suicide, much of the answer can be found in the Frankfurt School: “One of the main ideas of the Frankfurt School was to exploit Freud’s idea of ‘pansexualism’ – the search for pleasure, the exploitation of the differences between the sexes, the overthrowing of traditional relationships between men and women. To further their aims they would:

- “• attack the authority of the father, deny the specific roles of father and mother, and wrest away from families their rights as primary educators of their children.
- abolish differences in the education of boys and girls.
- abolish all forms of male dominance – hence the presence of women in the armed forces.
- declare women to be an ‘oppressed class’ and men as ‘oppressors’.

Munzenberg summed up the Frankfurt School’s long-term operation thus: ‘We will make the West so corrupt that it stinks’.”

Matthews explores each of these areas in more detail, and then makes this summary statement: “The School believed there were two types of revolution: (a) political and (b) cultural. Cultural revolution demolishes from within. ‘Modern forms of subjection are marked by mildness’. They saw it as a long-term project and kept their sights clearly focused on the family, education, media, sex and popular culture.”

Another detailed article, complete with references, is also worth reading (see second link below). But as this very brief introduction demonstrates, it is not by accident that we see the West in moral freefall, especially with sexual degradation leading the charge.

Sure, in a fallen world, human sinfulness will gravitate toward such a direction anyway. But when guided and prodded along by activists who seek to speed up the process of cultural decline, then things deteriorate really quickly indeed.

To engage in the culture wars effectively, one needs to know whom one is fighting against. The Frankfurt School is not the only aggressor we face, but it is one of them, and an important one at that. Being aware of such movements help us to make sense of the rapid degeneration of the West, and lets us know that we really are in a war. Now is not the time to opt out of this conflict. The stakes are far too high to choose non-involvement.

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Another Coup? Parallel of Democrats’ 25th Amendment Obsession and Impeachment (2020-10-09 14:52)

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is applying a new pretext to reach a pre-desired outcome of using the 25th Amendment to oust President Donald Trump from office in nearly the same fashion House Democrats did with the

last impeachment.

Readers of “Abuse of Power: The Three-Year Campaign to Impeach Donald Trump” will find that just as Democrats began talking about impeachment in 2017 before settling on a reason in 2019, Democrats began talking about using the 25th Amendment in 2017 before coming up with a reason to do so today.

Pelosi and Rep. James Raskin, D-Md., are introducing legislation to establish a 25th Amendment commission to assess Trump's mental and physical capacity to hold office, in light of the president's bout with COVID-19.

The 25th Amendment allows for the vice president and the majority of the Cabinet secretaries to determine if a president is physically or mentally unfit to do the job. The vice president, in this case Mike Pence, would become the acting president on a temporary basis. Congress could remove him from office permanently with two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate. This would actually be an even higher bar than impeachment.

So, this is essentially political theater. It is, nevertheless, similar to the impeachment drama that played out a year ago, which is an attempt to do

Many Democrats began talking about impeachment before Trump was even inaugurated. When special counsel Robert Mueller came up empty on the Russia collusion probe, Democrats wanted to impeach Trump for something—anything—and had to settle for the Ukraine phone call.

Similarly, the left began talking about the 25th Amendment just a few months into the Trump presidency. They can now point to COVID-19 as a justification.

For Raskin, this is a return to legislation he pushed in 2017 when he similarly proposed a commission to examine Trump's mental health. That bill gained 56 Democratic co-sponsors. But the 25th Amendment was on the fringes.

As “Abuse of Power” notes, another link between the two means of booting a president without an election came on Aug. 17, 2017 when Andrew Bakaj tweeted: “The 25th Amendment concerns @POTUS’ inability to discharge the powers and duties of office. Says nothing about mental health. We’re there.” In 2019, Bakaj was one of the two lawyers representing the anonymous whistleblower who prompted the impeachment probe.

Fomenting a 25th Amendment obsession prompted several partisan psychologists to violate the “Goldwater Rule,” which was meant to stop psychologists from offering a “professional opinion unless he or she has conducted an examination and has been granted proper authorization for such a statement.”

USA Today published a column by psychologist John Gartner in May 2017 asserting of the president, “you have no choice but to conclude that he is psychotic.”

The “Duty to Warn” movement launched a cottage industry of sorts. Psychiatry professor Dr. Bandy X. Lee, who edited the book “The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump,” even provided a Capitol Hill briefing for anti-Trumpers in Congress.

Then and now, the 25th Amendment chatter is more about promoting a narrative in the media than about actually pushing such legislation through. Why bring this up weeks before an election? It makes about as much sense as a politicized impeachment less than a year before an election.

Biden-Harris Would Deal a Huge Blow to Religious Liberty (2020-10-09 14:58)

Toward the end of Vice President Mike Pence's resounding defeat of Sen. Kamala Harris in Wednesday night's vice presidential debate, the two officials tussled on the pending Supreme Court nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett and the despicable deluge of anti-Catholic bigotry her nomination has unleashed. Harris, one of the leading arsonists during the well-orchestrated 2018 character assassination of then-Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh, tried to mollify wary voters in advance of Barrett's own impending confirmation hearings. "Joe Biden and I are both people of faith," Harris hectored, "and it's insulting to suggest that we would knock anyone for their faith."

Perhaps Biden and Harris are privately religious; perhaps they are not. It would be rather uncouth to aimlessly speculate as to the personal relationship each has with the Creator. But it is entirely fair game to review their historical records, their past statements and their present platform in order to preview what stances their prospective administration would take on matters pertaining to religious liberty. By any remotely fair standard, a Biden-Harris administration would represent a grievous setback for the constitutionally enshrined religious liberty of all Americans.

At a theoretical level, it has never been clearer that progressivism, the (misnamed) pseudo-intellectual tail that wags the Democratic Party dog, despises religiosity. Modern leftists, political inheritors of Karl Marx's infamous "opiate of the masses" broadside against the Judeo-Christian tradition, are wont to view religion as an atavistic roadblock to full human "enlightenment." They recoil at the notion that an intelligent person can actually believe biblical truth – can actually believe in the divinity of Scripture.

Practically, card-carrying progressives tout religion – anchored as it is in the family and communitarian institutions, such as churches and synagogues – as a destructive hindrance to their political goals of radical autonomy, an expanded welfare state and the ultimate dissolution of the traditional nation-state in favor of global governance. Scratch a Sen. Bernie Sanders supporter enough and you'll assuredly hear such nostrums espoused. On the 21st-century left, such claptrap rules the roost.

A Biden-Harris ticket would support nationally enshrined taxpayer-funded on-demand abortion throughout the entire gestational cycle. Biden, who once pretended to follow the late Mario Cuomo in the Kabuki theater that is, "I'm personally pro-life but support a woman's right to choose," went so far this election cycle as to disavow his decades-long support of the Hyde Amendment – the longstanding federal ban on taxpayer subsidization of that most grisly snuffing out of unborn human life. Harris has been vocal about her so-called Reproductive Rights Act, which would flip federalism on its head and call for Justice Department "preclearance" before any state-level abortion restriction might be enforced. We have come a long – and murderous – way from the Court's decrees in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which, while lawless, at least feigned interest in fetal health.

A Biden-Harris administration would be a disaster for conscience protection. They would follow the lead of Barack Obama, who shamefully took a convent of nuns to court for years to try to coerce them to violate their faith and subsidize abortifacients, and aggressively prosecute men and women of faith – the First Amendment and relevant statutory law, such as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, notwithstanding. Lamentable ordeals like the legal travails of Colorado baker Jack Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop, would become ubiquitous. Discriminate, disparate targeting of religious Americans, recently previewed by the noxious COVID-19 scapegoating of the nation's largest Jewish community by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio, offer a harrowing preview of what could be to come.

A Biden-Harris administration would also stack the federal judiciary – at the level of both the Supreme Court and the lower courts – with jurists deeply hostile to conscience rights and deeply committed to the progressive

political agenda. Religious liberty has, for years, been a relatively rare bastion of conservative jurisprudential success; witness, for example, the Obama administration's embarrassing 9-0 defeat in the 2012 "ministerial exception" case of Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Biden and Harris are deliberately hiding from the masses any list of possible Supreme Court nominees, and the very nature of that cowardly dissemblance belies the notion that their nominees would be anything other than radical. The blunt truth is that Biden's potential nominees to the (likely "packed") Court, such as Pamela Karlan, would be well to the left of Obama's own reliably liberal nominees.

The Trump administration, despite the morally checkered past of the president himself, has been a deeply loyal and committed friend of religious and traditionalist Americans. It would truly be a shame for that progress – actual progress, in contrast to the false gods of "progressivism" – to now be squandered.

Vice Pence Victorious Over Harris and Page (2020-10-09 15:03)

The conventional wisdom is that Susan Page was a fair moderator of the vice presidential debate. She wasn't, but Vice President Mike Pence won anyway.

Almost all of Page's questions were loaded against the Trump-Pence agenda, and hardly any were loaded against the Biden-Harris agenda. Though her baked-in assumptions incorporated the liberal narrative, Pence managed to overcome all of it.

Permit a sampling. In her COVID-19 question to Sen. Kamala Harris, Page stressed how much worse the virus is getting (debatable), which was an implied indictment of Trump's management of it. In her question to Pence, she charged that the U.S. death toll is proportionately higher than that of almost every other wealthy nation. Now, some will say this is no big deal, but an impartial moderator would offer no such editorial comments in either question and would instead invite Harris to comment on Trump's handling of it and how Biden would handle it differently. She would not suggest Trump has mismanaged the virus but ask Pence if he believes the administration has managed it well, and why.

Page accused Trump of conducting a "super-spreader event" in the Rose Garden without social distancing or masks and accusatorily asked Pence how he could expect Americans to follow safety guidelines when Trump didn't. It is not her job to attack. That is the debater's prerogative. She might fairly ask that question in an interview, but not a debate.

On the question of presidential disability, Page opined that voters were concerned over presidential disability because of the candidates' ages and said that this concern was sharpened because of Trump's recent bout with COVID. She didn't mention the extraordinarily humongous elephant in the room – Joe Biden's mental decline – even though Trump's COVID issue will most likely be short-term and Biden's will almost certainly progressively degenerate. The media's glaring omission of Biden's dementia throughout the course of this campaign, and again during this debate, underscores their obscene bias and cynical disregard for the very issue Page raised in this question: presidential disability. Besides, there are already constitutional procedures in place for presidential succession, so please give us a break from your feigned concern, madam.

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Page's next infraction was particularly egregious, as she accused "Trump's doctors" of giving "misleading answers" to questions about his health, further pushing the media narrative that all human beings in Trump's orbit,

including distinguished physicians at Walter Reed hospital, are tainted, and that these doctors are hiding something for some sinister purpose.

Page misleadingly framed her question about the economy in the worst possible light for Trump, emphasizing that 11 million jobs lost this year have not been replaced and adding the zinger that Latinos, blacks and women were hit hardest. She didn't mention how Trump's pre-COVID economy was spectacular or that these very minorities benefitted in particular. Nor did she mention that the current recovery is extraordinary, especially given the Democrats' efforts to perpetuate lockdowns. If she must editorialize, then let's have both sides. When she directed the economy question to Pence, she gratuitously editorialized that Trump had predicted a rapid recovery, "but the latest economic report shows that's not happening." She presented this highly debatable assertion as indisputable fact. She shouldn't have injected herself at all, but since she did, she should have been neutral – not an ally of the Biden-Harris ticket.

On "climate change," Page noted that there have been increasing hurricanes in the South and record-setting wildfires in the west, before loading her question with the assumption that "man-made climate change" has caused both. These claims are ludicrous, in my opinion. But that's not the point, which is that it is not her job to make such assertions. Her real purpose in so framing the question was to trap Pence into rejecting the conventional wisdom of climate change in an effort to make him look like a science denier. In a follow-up, Page directly asked Pence whether he regards climate change as an existential threat. She might as well have said, "Well, do you, rube?" Note that she didn't ask Harris whether she believes in gender science or accepts the leftist pap that there are 71 genders.

While Page deserves credit for pointing out the inconsistency between Harris' and Biden's attempt to distance themselves from the Green New Deal and their support for it on their website, she didn't ask Harris any pointed questions about the quixotic provisions this program includes, its prohibitive costs and the undeniable truth that even if we were to implement all of its mandates, we wouldn't appreciably change global temperature by the end of this century.

Space limitations preclude further examples. But let me say that despite the deck being stacked against him, Pence managed to parry the accusations and keep the debate focused on substantive issues. He specifically contrasted Biden's agenda with Trump's agenda and Trump's record.

I disagree with the pundit consensus that this debate will make no difference. Pence focused the nation's attention on Biden's horrific plans for America, which is critical for a Trump victory. The media studiously shields Biden's agenda, and it was incalculably beneficial for Pence to highlight it. President Trump can build on this in the next debate. The more people exposed to Biden's dangerous and cockamamie ideas, the greater Trump's chances, which is precisely why Biden and Harris are hiding parts of their agenda and the media is abetting them.

Against 2-to-1 odds, Pence brought home a resounding victory.

Director Explains Why Cast of New Documentary Changed His Mind About Trump (2020-10-09 15:15)

Washington, D.C. - We know what the media thinks of Donald Trump. That he's a racist. That he's a sexist. That he's a misogynist. But a new documentary, "The Trump I Know," shares a starkly different perspective of the president. Townhall attended the D.C. premiere of the film at the Trump International Hotel last week, and heard from the cast and crew that Trump isn't a bully after all. In fact they use much more flattering words to describe the 45th president of the United States. And they should know. Many of them have known the man personally for years, not from a series of snarky soundbites.

Director Matthew Thayer said he wasn't a big fan of Trump's before he shot this documentary. He didn't vote for him in 2016, and like the rest of America much of what he knew about the former businessman he got from the press. But that changed when he got to know some of the women in Trump's life. Women like Paula White.

Rev. Paula White-Cain is the Advisor to the White House on Faith & Opportunity Initiatives and the chair of the evangelical advisory board in the Trump administration. What a lot of people don't know, Thayer explained, is that the president has been calling her his pastor for almost two decades.

"I grew up going to church and I've seen misogyny draped in religion," Thayer explained. "I've seen misogyny in the church. For a man to call a woman his pastor, a misogynist can't do that."

Thayer shared an anecdote about another woman in a leadership role in one of Trump's businesses. Kerry Woolard has run the Trump Vineyard in Charlottesville, VA for eight years. She explains in the documentary that when Trump and his son Eric came to tour the property, Trump "got out and opened her door every single time" they stepped out of the car and into a new building.

"She said it was almost embarrassing she let out this giggle and he said absolutely not this is who I am this is what I do," Thayer recalled. "He is respectful, not just of women, but of people. "

Sadly, Thayer noted that "these simple stories of chivalry suddenly become revelatory" because of the biased press.

Mercedes Schlapp, senior advisor for the president's re-election campaign, explained that despite what you hear on the news, women support this president.

"We find is that there's this strong support of women," Schlapp told Townhall. "Women who are working in the field offices. Women that he has empowered not only in the campaign, but at the WH but also his businesses. So we want to tell that story of how we know Donald Trump. The man who has empowered women, the man who is a results oriented president, and also make the case for him to get reelected."

Executive producer Joe Knopp met Lara Trump during his last film project, and that budding friendship sparked the idea for the documentary. In the process he learned that the president has a knack for identifying high quality traits in people and gives them jobs despite what may be a lack of experience, such as when he appointed Kayleigh McEnany as the current White House press secretary. Knopp said he thinks she "works harder than anyone in that job" because the president gave her the opportunity not after scanning her resume, but because he saw a spark in her.

Many of the women in his administration "are more defensive about him than he would ever be about himself," Knopp observed. "It crushes their hearts that he is treated this way."

In fact, Knopp said he had a "Wizard of Oz moment" through filming.

"The curtain kept getting open to what really happens in the media," he said. "We think we know. They get these little sound bites and they truly think they know the answer and they speak it as if it is truth."

And so, before the documentary tells us who the president really is, the filmmakers are hoping that it will open people's eyes to how they consume information. If viewers do that, they may actually start to like the president.

Gallup: 56 Percent of Americans Say They're Better Off Than They Were Four Years Ago, And Yet they are wanna-be Marxist Traitors. (2020-10-09 15:28)

Two ways to look at this number, from Team Trump's perspective: Glass half full, and glass half empty. Let's take the optimistic view first. Just before the last Republican incumbent president won re-election in 2004, only 47 percent of Americans said they were feeling better off than they'd been four years prior. And just after the last Democratic president won re-election, that stat was 45 percent. Now, with weeks to go until voters render a verdict on whether the sitting president deserves a second term, [1]a clear majority – 56 percent – of Americans say they're personally better off today than they were at the end of the previous administration:

% of Americans who say they are better off now than they were 4 years ago

Sept 2020: 56 percent

Dec 2012: 45 percent

Oct 2004: 47 percent

Oct 1992: 38 percent

July 1984: 44 percent[2]<https://t.co/CmUJ6rOG3E> [3]pic.twitter.com/LadV3G1Gdl

— Rob Henderson (@robkhenderson) [4]October 8, 2020

In spite of everything going on – including an ongoing pandemic and all the dreadful ripple affects associated with it – most Americans say they're better off now than when President Obama was on the brink of being replaced by President Trump. That's a significant number, and it likely relates to [5]how incredibly well the economy was doing before COVID began wreaking its havoc. Most people *were*, objectively, [6]more prosperous, thanks in part to President Trump's economic policies. Wages grew, incomes increased, unemployment and poverty plunged. Pre-Coronavirus, the 'better off' number stood at a [7]whopping 61 percent. Pre-Coronavirus, I said that Trump was likely a favorite to secure a second term, despite his chronically underwhelming approval ratings. If the president can spend the next few weeks harnessing and winning over a sizable contingent of those who say they're in better shape now than when he took over, he has a shot at closing the gap. I mentioned this on Fox last night, while also [8]reiterating this point, which cuts against the theory that a 2016-style comeback is in the offing:

On 2016 vs 2020 [9]pic.twitter.com/HCSAmniAXw

— Guy Benson (@guypbenson) [10]October 9, 2020

The American people elected an historically *personally*-unpopular Republican president after eight years of Barack Obama. Their satisfaction has since measurably increased. They have consistently given Trump high marks on his handling of the economy, and clearly aren't rejecting his agenda and accomplishments (Trump leads Biden [11]by three points on the question of agreement on issues). So why is he trailing Obama's former Vice President, apparently handily? That question brings us to the glass half empty side of the equation: The answer is, *him*. In the same Gallup survey, Trump tumbles eight net points on the metric of "presidential qualities." That gap is telling, as is the canyon between the "better off" contingent and the incumbent's [12]average projected vote share:

Trump's vote share in the current RCP avg is *14 pts lower* than the clear majority of Americans who say they're better off today (mid-pandemic!) than at the end of the Obama administration. Astounding. Referendum on the incumbent, as a person, the obvious strategy for Dems. [13]<https://t.co/2F9obyxRIQ>

— Guy Benson (@guypbenson) [14]October 8, 2020

Another way of looking at this: In the *RealClearPolitics* average, Trump's economic approval rating is roughly [15]51 percent. His personal favorability rating is [16]43 percent, almost exactly equivalent to his vote share number. There are clearly quite a lot of voters who should be open to re-electing Trump based on his policies and results, yet who've grown so tired of his conduct that they are planning to throw him out of office. The devoted faithful don't want to hear this, even though I've been [17]saying it for [18]years. And unless the polls are again very wrong in decisive battleground states, the factors of comportment and fitness appear poised to sink Trump this cycle. In the interest of self-preservation, the president should muster whatever capacity for discipline he has and spend the next three-and-a-half weeks appealing directly to the voters who represent the 56 percent vs. 42 percent disconnect mentioned above.

His base loves him and will turn out. The Resistance loathes him and will turn out. Polling suggests that those in the middle are breaking pretty heavily toward Biden, so Trump's number one priority should be doing everything he can to peel some of them back into his camp, or at least the undecided column. I'll leave you with one way in which Biden – the self-proclaimed candidate of norms and bipartisanship – [19]might scare some reluctant right-leaners and independents into voting Republican. Totally unacceptable:

Joe Biden:

"You'll know my opinion on court packing when the election is over." [20]pic.twitter.com/uYEXZHHAp1

— Daily Caller (@DailyCaller) [21]October 8, 2020

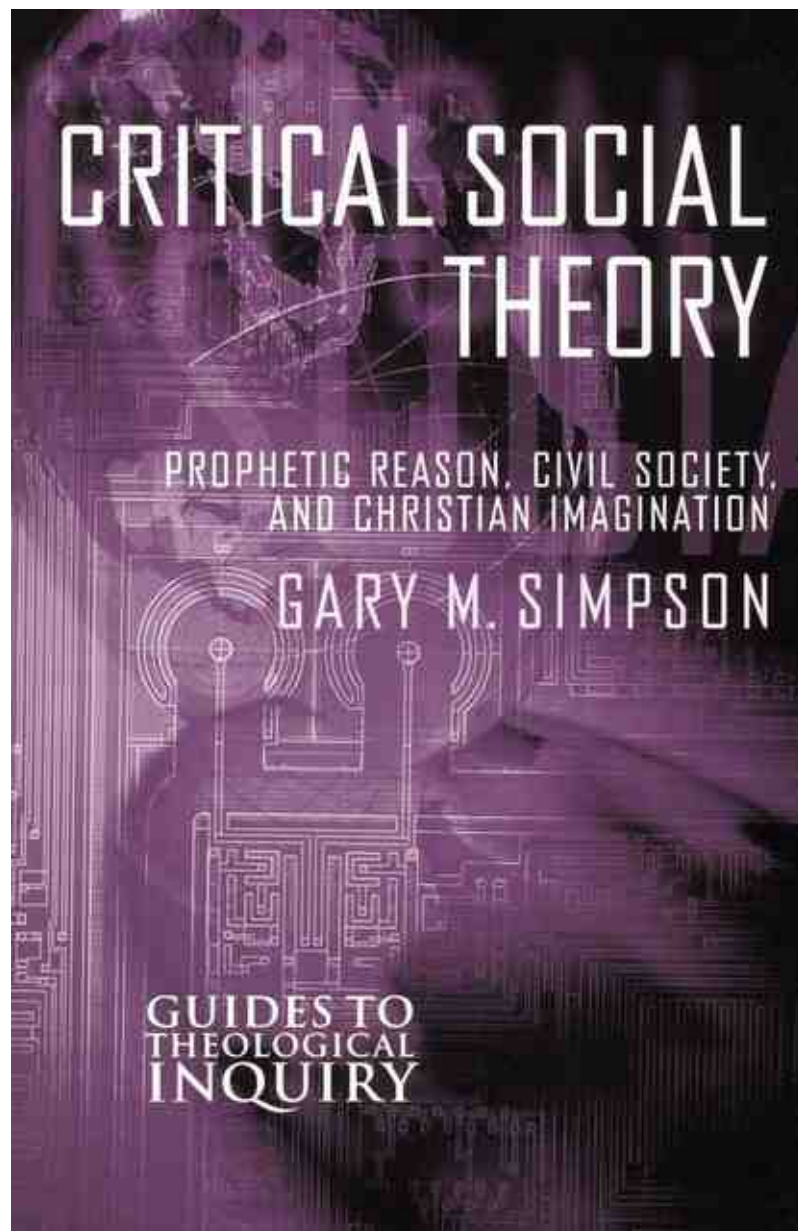
And to balance some of my commentary above, here's some data that cuts against the grain in terms of the conventional wisdom, partially drawing on a [22]data point we wrote about back in August. Given the surprises of 2016, people shouldn't dismiss [23]this analysis out of hand:

Four years ago, [24]@SeanTrende was warning us to look past 'unthinkability bias' & consider that Trump could actually win. His current take on why, unlikely as it is right now, there remains a possible case for a Trump victory we should not overlook. [25]<https://t.co/fRIILkb4x>

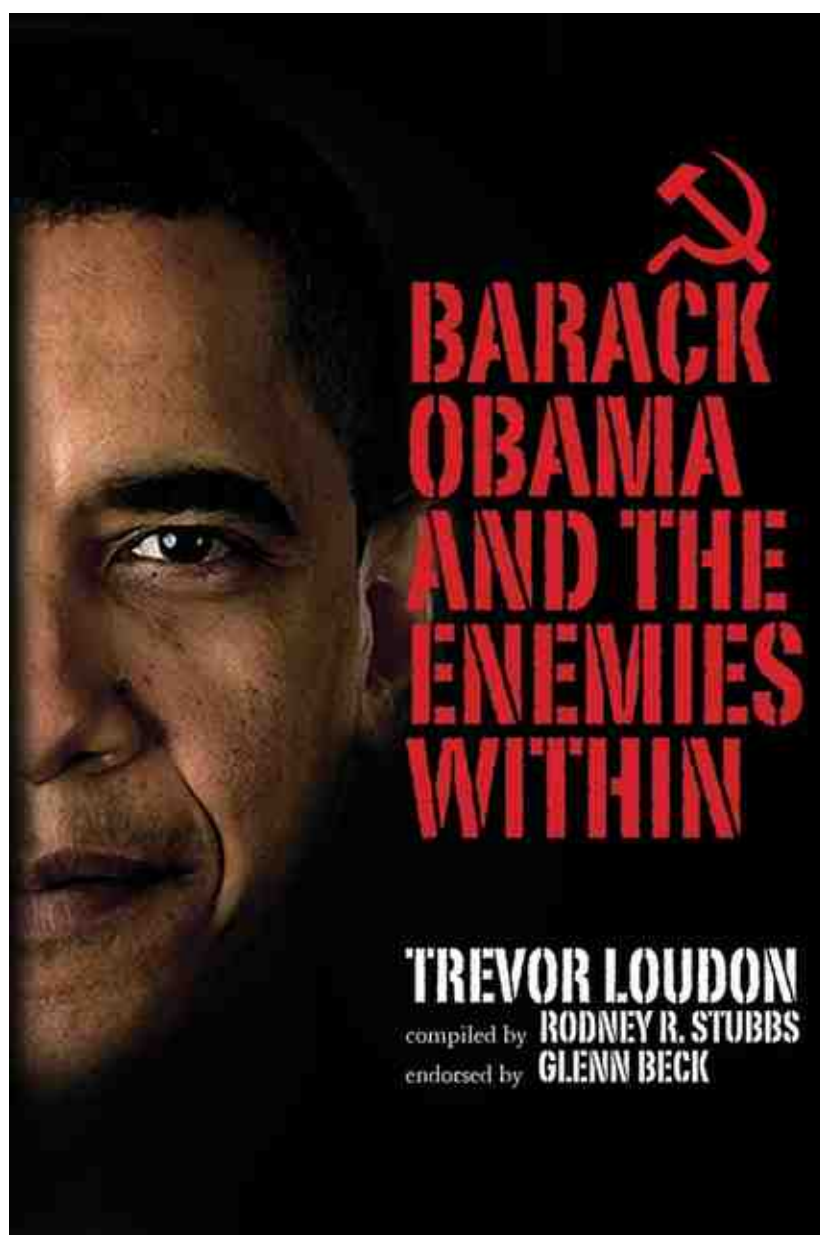
— Dan McLaughlin (@baseballcrank) [26]October 9, 2020

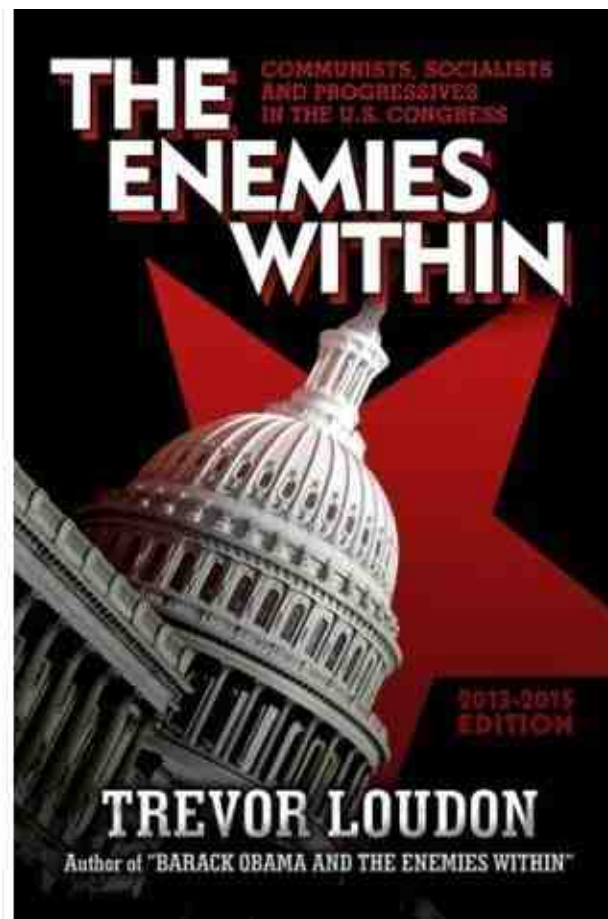
Holy shit. I hardly recognize this country. Its becoming more anti-Christian and more Marxist or Leninist or Soviet America'ish. America has a Vladimir Lenin statue in Seattle. America celebrates Earth Day. Most 3rd parties are communist parties. The Black Lives Matter or Antifa have Leninist origins. Communism is very ugly.

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Thanks for the Critical Race Theory ban, Pres. Trump!





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Signs That Trump Going to Win on Nov. 3 (2020-10-11 11:37)

It's a foregone conclusion and must now be faced.

Republicans have worried. Democrats have gloated. Libertarians, Independents, and Reformers have all weighed in. Now it must be acknowledged President Donald J. Trump is just not capable of winning this Nov. 3.

Perhaps the Democrats have finally found the silver bullet. After the Russia Hoax, Impeachment Farce, Lock-down Lies, Evaporative Economic Policies, Debate Blowups, and CoVid Contraction—they've even floated the 25th Amendment—which I only thought really bitter and nasty Never Trumpers would ever embrace.

But none of it has worked. Not even Nancy Pelosi's prayers for the President's health could keep him in the hospital for more than three days. And here one week after he contracted it — no one's even discussing him having it because he's symptom free and feeling twenty years younger.

So no... Donald J. Trump just doesn't have what it takes to just win on November 3.

Because he's going to absolutely crush the election that day. A #Trumpslide if you will.

Now the "smart people" will tell you that's not possible and that he lags Joe Biden in the polls by margins to big to over come. If you only look at the selective polls listed in the Real Clear Politics average one might come to that conclusion (Just like they did in 2016).

One thing they won't tell you though is that the hesitancy to tell pollsters what they think is a real phenomenon. A little more than a month ago Bloomberg published a survey that demonstrated Republicans and Independents are more than twice as likely as Democrats to not reveal to pollsters their true thoughts.

So if the polls that seem to point to a Biden win are wrong what was I depending on when I published my prediction map (the first of a few leading up to Election Day).

To be exceedingly clear — I find no evidence of a Biden win outside of the media polls.

But here's a short list of considerations that give us a better understanding of the race.

Enthusiasm Gap

The candidates already know that the president is winning by a mile. President Trump can't help but to continue to draw massive crowds (even while in the hospital.) Every weekend, in every state, in hundreds of cities bikers, truckers, boaters, horse and buggy people, and regular pedestrians are having larger and larger participation in various parades of support from Miami to Manhattan and from Beverly Hills to Capitol Hill. Meanwhile Biden has trouble getting more than a dozen to show up at a tour stop in Yuma. And we all know people who say "I didn't vote for him then," or "I wasn't really sure about him in 2016," who have converted to "I'll crawl over broken glass to vote for him now."

Black Votes Matter

Is it significant that Candace Owens led a "Back the Blue" march through DC and to the White House yesterday consisting of thousands of African American voters? Is it important that President Trump received them? Does it seem to make an impact that President Trump oversaw the fastest job creation for Black Americans with the fastest growth in wages among the poorest Black Americans in the modern era? Evidently it does because he's currently enjoying (what I perceive to be understated) support anywhere from 18 to 25 percent of Black Americans. When narrowed down to Black men he's consistently in the low to mid-30s percentage wise. The modern era high for a GOP president is 11 percent. Democrat's consistently need 90 to 95 percent support of Black voters to win. If Trump gets anything above 11 percent he wins big. If he takes 20 percent or more it starts to reshape states like Pennsylvania where he runs up the score in the west and enjoys enough Black support around Philadelphia so as to win the state convincingly. Carbon copy that for Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, etc.

Latino Support Sans Pandering

Biden also has challenges with Hispanic voters. The president has seen a broad based support with Latinos that similarly to Blacks defies modern era history. One veteran of elections going back multiple decades told me last week that the president may enjoy support as high as 45 to 50 percent of the Hispanic vote. A number that big just seems so unheard of for a Republican. It's hard for me to grasp. But just realize this: if the president gets anything above 35 percent he will again shatter recent history and entire state compositions begin to shift.

Promises Kept

I'm also very bullish on an old fashioned idea, that if you keep a promise, you've earned a second-term. You do realize don't you that Trump presents the opposite problems of most politicians? Usually a candidate makes a ton of promises and then either breaks them or does very little to fulfill them once in office. Clinton kept three over eight years, Bush kept two (outside of 9/11 related items), Obama a big fat one in his first-term. The president came to office and went to work on day one. He's lifted more than 2,000 regulations on small businesses, got tax reform done, and started in on his list. By my count 127 promises later he's still not finished.

It's still the economy, stupid.

As insulting as it sounds it's still the bottom line. People vote their pocket book. Voters know this instinctively. Biden has nothing to show for 47 years in DC. The president built the fastest growing economy the world had ever seen. In the past four months he's produced the fastest job growth in history at just shy of 12 million jobs created, with more than half of those lost only months before due to the virus and ensuing lockdowns. It was precisely the tax reform and deregulation of businesses that allowed the rebound to occur so quickly. And just

imagine how much more the recovery would be underway if governors and mayors who are keeping their cities and states locked down for political reasons would allow them to actually open up.

Oh the pundits, Never Trumpers, and Democrats will explain away Biden's every foible. When he says the voters "don't deserve to know" his view on a 150-year precedent breaking idea of randomly packing the Supreme Court, they will give him a pass. When the Biden-Harris bus rolls in and six people sit in a gym in big circles drawn on the floor, the media will ignore the contrast of 40,000 supporters on a rainy tarmac in Minnesota.

But this election won't be decided by the pundits, Never Trumpers, and swamp monsters.

The American people are the only poll that matters.

On November 3rd, President Trump won't just win, he will break records, shift turn out patterns, and crush his way to the biggest re-election victory since Ronald Reagan.

The U.S. Economy Is Roaring Back (2020-10-12 09:29)

Breaking news: The US economy is roaring! Over the last few months, we have witnessed the sharpest economic snapback in US history. While many are still out of work, the future looks increasingly promising for those seeking employment. One would think that we were still mired in the deepest throes of April's COVID-19 crisis if you take heed of the media's narrative in recent weeks. It is clear the Democrats and Joe Biden are making the pandemic their closing argument for the 2020 election. But why? The economy is a losing argument for the Left.

As of early this October, a majority of voters believe that Trump is best equipped to handle the economy. If the Gallup poll showing 56 % of voters believing that they are better off today than they were four years ago is accurate, the Biden campaign is in big trouble. With the political circus dictating the daily narrative, it's easy to lose track of just how much progress has been made on the economic revival since 2016, and more specifically, since this past spring's pandemic-induced lows. When assessing the strength of the economy, it's very useful to look at some of the raw data that gives insight into the global supply and demand dynamic.

The commodity market is a clear window into the cost of goods and the level of demand that exists. As the Coronavirus shut down economies all over the world, global goods demand collapsed. Most notably was the oil market, as energy fuels the economy as a whole. Supply was steady, but a massive collapse in activity that forms demand left producers with a supply glut. The supply/demand gap was so large that oil futures (commodities trade primarily in the futures market) actually went negative, a historic event.

Just 7 months later the market has not only stabilized, but also has rebounded significantly. Oil, itself, is up over 100 % from levels seen this Spring. This is a sound indicator of the resumption of robust economic activity. We are now escaping from economic contraction and are closing in on expansion. As consumers travel more and demand comes back for finished goods, the oil market will continue to flourish. This is one of many reasons why the Third Quarter GDP measure, to be released at the end of October only days before the election, will show the most significant rise in US history. The commodities market isn't limited to oil. There are other very useful economic gauges within the basic goods market.

One of the most important, in terms of assessing global activity, is copper. Copper is a basic material used throughout manufacturing. The copper market collapsed this Spring along with all other raw goods during the crisis. At its low, copper was trading down roughly 35 %. As activity has roared back to life, copper has been on an absolute tear. As of this writing, copper is up over 50 % above its COVID lows, and is, in fact, higher than the market was trading pre-COVID. That's a very promising signal emanating from the commodity market.

Here in the United States, we have many indicators painting a picture of a resurgent economy that may already be in a boom despite a high unemployment rate. We have very good cause to remain optimistic. Most recently, the PMI services index, a measure of economic activity in the services sector (and 70 % of the US economy), registered at 56. A PMI reading 50 represents flat activity, while any figure above 50 indicates growth. 56 is a reassuring figure and represents a substantial increase in the level of activity in a significant portion of our economy.

If there is one metric that reigns supreme over all other data points, it's the level of employment. On this front, we have seen a surprising rate of recovery. Many suggested this past spring we wouldn't see a recovery in employment for years and years. Some even suggested we were at the beginning of a decade-long depression. This couldn't be further from the truth. At the nadir of the Coronavirus recession, the unemployment rate in the United States was a staggering 14.7 %. The Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) undoubtedly saved the US labor market from total collapse. Now, unemployment has contracted to 7.9 %. This is a remarkable rebound, considering the shape we were in just 6 months ago. This growth is the highest on record for the United States. [1]

Across metrics and hard data, it's clear the economy is surging its way back to prosperity. It was during Obama's administration that our leaders suggested we were in a "new normal" in which unemployment was steady at 5 % and that we would see sub-3 % growth indefinitely. The Trump economy blew that assumption up, capped with the most prosperous year on record in 2019. It is on the strength of that growth that we have been able to power our way through a total economic shutdown.

Despite this gratifying recovery, it remains fragile. A Biden-Harris administration would usher in regulatory and tax policies that would cripple the economy's growth and send us backward in ways we can't imagine. Having come so far in the face of a devastating pandemic, it would be tragic to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Should such a political reversal of fortune transpire, those dire predictions of a long depression just may come true.

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What Will Happen If the Democrats Pack the Supreme Court? (2020-10-13 19:41)

Exponential growth. It's why plagues are so dangerous and compound interest is so wonderful.

It's also why the Democrats' flirting with court packing could destroy the Supreme Court and, with it, America as we know it.

The following is a reasonable scenario:

Amy Coney Barrett is confirmed to the Supreme Court, which gives conservatives a 6-3 advantage (or 5-4, given that Chief Justice John Roberts has essentially become a swing vote).

Then, in January, having retained the Democrat-majority House, a President Joe Biden and a newly Democrat-controlled Senate decide to undo the advantage. Congress passes and Biden signs a new law expanding the Court to 15 members. Biden appoints six new liberal justices, handing the left a 9-6 majority – a 60 % advantage.

What happens when the Republicans regain power and they want a 60 % *conservative* advantage? As a bit of algebra shows, to reverse the Democrats' 9-6 advantage, they'd have to expand the Court by 7.5 members. Of course, they can't nominate half a justice, so they'd probably round up to eight. Regardless, the Republicans, to gain a 60 % advantage, must expand the Court by more than the Democrats did – by eight, as opposed to six.

The parties would surely continue to insist upon a 60 % advantage, meaning that, with each switch in power, they'd have to expand the Court's size by 50 %. The key thing to note is that they would have to expand the court not by a constant *number* but by a constant *percentage*. This is what would cause exponential growth. If, for example, one side insisted on a 65 % advantage and the other followed suit, they'd have to expand the Court by 86 % at each switch in power.

How often would such switches in power occur? One occurred in 1992, when Democrats won the House, Senate and presidency. Others occurred in 2000, 2008 and 2016. And if the polls are right, another will occur in 2020. Such power switches occur about every eight years, perhaps slightly more frequently.

Let's err on the side of being less alarmist and assume that the switch would only occur every 10 years. Let's similarly assume that the parties would only insist upon a 60 % advantage.

Under these minimal parameters, the Court would expand by 50 % every 10 years. In 100 years, the Court would grow by a factor of approximately 58 (1.5 raised to the power of 10), and instead of nine justices, the Supreme Court would consist of 522 justices.

Surely, one would be tempted to think, voters and the two parties would see these problems, and accordingly, such growth wouldn't continue. But why not? Imagine the following scenario: In the year 2120, the Court comprises 522 justices (313 conservatives and 209 liberals). That November, the Democrats retake the House, Senate and presidency. Following precedent, they decide to regain their advantage and expand the Court to 783 justices (470 liberals and 313 conservatives).

Some voters might say, "Enough is enough." However, Democrats could reasonably counter that (1) "It's what the Republicans did last time. It's our turn now"; (2) "Is 783 really that much larger than 522?"; (3) "Only by expanding the Court can we do things such as guarantee a woman's right to choose and ensure racial and social justice. Do we really want to sacrifice those goals just to keep the Court a smaller size?"

Further, in such a scenario, no voter would be able to remember when the Court was smaller than 40 justices, much less just nine. Would they really care if it were expanded a little more?

Of course, the scenario would continue to repeat.

In other words, if the Democrats do as many of their leading members want them to do (including Gov. Jay Inslee, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Mayor Pete Buttigieg), as The Atlantic urges them to do, as vice presidential candidate Kamala Harris told The New York Times she is "absolutely open to," and as at least one New York Times columnist advocates, we will no longer have a legislature and a supreme judicial branch. We will essentially have two legislatures (at least when Democratic appointees – justices willing to read left-wing political and social goals into the Constitution – hold the majority of seats).

It will be the end of the Supreme Court as we know it, the end of the balance of power among the three branches of government and, therefore, the end of America as we know it.

Would the Democrats do it? Given the left's record of destroying whatever it touches – most obviously, the universities, high schools and journalism, and most recently, sports and the sciences – if you are a betting person, you should bet on it.

This is yet another reason everything is at stake in this election.

The Biden-Harris Orwellian Redefining of "Court-Packing" (2020-10-13 19:46)

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are redefining the words "court packing" in a manner worthy of George Orwell's 1984, ironically previewing how a packed (i.e., expanded) Supreme Court would redefine the Constitution's words, abolishing our democratic republic as it has existed for over 200 years.

Perhaps the most revolutionary aspect of our Constitution is that it is a written document. America's Constitution is the first and oldest written constitution in the world. Like any document, it consists of words on paper, so its meaning rests entirely on the meaning of those words.

Every American have vital interests in those words, including me. I serve on the board of a religious-liberty

law firm, concerned that the First Amendment words “free speech,” and “establishment” and “free exercise” of religion must have a clear and fixed meanings. I serve on the NRA board, so am concerned about the Second Amendment’s “right to keep and bear arms.” I serve on the board of the Club for Growth, and so focus on the words in the Constitution’s Tax Clause, Spending Clause, and Commerce Clause. As a black man, I care about the Fourteenth Amendment’s guarantees of “due process” and the “equal protection of the laws.”

These fundamental rights survive only when those words have unchangeable meanings.

“A judge must apply the law as written, not as the judge wishes it were,” Amy Coney Barrett said today, speaking of Justice Scalia. “Sometimes that meant reaching results he did not like. But as he put it in one of his best known opinions, that is what it means to say we have a government of laws, not of men.”

This is why court-packing would destroy our form of government. As Justice Antonin Scalia famously explained, it is our Constitution’s structural protections of separation of powers and checks and balances that actually holds tyranny at bay to protect the people. The greatest check the Supreme Court has over Congress and a president is an independent judiciary with the power to strike down government actions that violate the fixed meaning of the Constitution’s words.

“Court-packing” refers to a president and Congress controlled by the same party to pass a law increasing the number of Supreme Court seats, then packing those seats with justices that will rubber-stamp whatever the government does. They redefine the Constitution’s words to give a pass to whatever the ruling party wants. s

That would destroy a check that is essential to our very form of government, which is why it is the single greatest issue facing the voters in this election. Biden and Harris must not be allowed to continue refusing to answer whether they will pack the Supreme Court should they gain power—a refusal that implies they will do precisely that.

Instead, they redefine “court-packing.” In Orwell’s frightening book, the all-powerful government brainwashed the people with the slogans: War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, Ignorance is Strength. Words had no meaning.

The Harris-Biden ticket (their term, not mine) is instead redefining “court-packing.” Article II of the Constitution specifies that Supreme Court justices are appointed through two-party agreement, with the president choosing whom to nominate and the Senate choosing whether to advise and consent (which we call “confirmation”).

All 29 times when there have been election-year Supreme Court vacancies, presidents have offered nominees to fill them. Twenty-two of our 45 presidents have done so. When held by the same party, the Senate almost always confirms. When held by the opposition party, the Senate almost never confirms. This is the normal constitutional order.

Yet Biden and Harris are redefining “court-packing” to refer to that ordinary process, inverting the meaning of a term that threatens our constitutional system of government.

Americans must reject Biden and Harris’s bid to eradicate the Constitution’s separation of powers and checks and balances, condemning America to the dystopian one-party rule Orwell warned could be in our future.

The Party of Enduring Racism, Bias, and Prejudice (2020-10-17 23:11)

For three years, and without evidence, *The New York Times* falsely claimed that Donald Trump’s presidential campaign colluded with Russia to steal the 2016 election. Thereafter, their hopelessly biased executive editor, Dean Baquet,

[1]decided to switch gears. After the Mueller report imploded, at Baquet's direction, the Times would shift its focus of its coverage from the 'Trump-Russia affair' to the president's 'alleged racism.'

"We built our newsroom to cover one story, and we did it truly well," Baquet [2]said, apparently unaware of the historically profound idiocy of his statement. "Now we have to regroup, and shift resources and emphasis to take on a different story." Through daily bogus reporting, the 'newspaper of record' would now seek to expose 'the racism' of Donald Trump and America in general.

A Myth for All Time

From 93 % to 96 % of American media is [3]controlled by leftists, considering book and magazine publishing, major newspapers, Internet tech giants, television, etc. The Left dominates in our schools, Hollywood, and popular culture. The only domains in which the Right has dominance are radio, and perhaps [4]YouTube and blogging.

An enduring Democrat [5]myth propagated for decades, and ramped up since Donald Trump became president, is that the Republican Party is racist. Democrats are able to maintain this myth in part because they dominate public discourse and because most Americans, daily, are concerned with making a living and caring for their families, not with scrutinizing history. Joe Biden tells the Charlottesville "fine people" lie at every appearance, despite video footage to the contrary and Trump's 20+ denunciation of white supremacist groups.

Even a cursory review of American history, however, starting with Abraham Lincoln, and the Emancipation Proclamation, reveals that it is the Democrat Party that has practiced and still exhibits fiery racist behavior.

Who formed the Confederate States of America? Was it Republicans? No, it was Southern Democrats. President Lincoln, the 16th in U.S. history, was shot and killed while watching a play, "Our American Cousin," at Ford's Theater in Washington DC, on April 14th, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth.

Lincoln was 56 years old, had just been re-elected to his 2nd term and, along with millions of other Americans, was celebrating the end of the U.S. Civil War, which occurred on April 9. Wilkes, a leading actor of that era, was not a Democrat, but was sympathetic to the Democrats and their opposition to Lincoln.

The Dawn Civil Rights

Who murdered John F. Kennedy, the 36th president of the U.S., in Dallas, on November 22nd 1963? Unquestionably Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot and killed JFK. This is explained in intricate detail by Gerald Posner in his landmark book *Case Closed* (1993). Mr. Posner dislodged every conceivable stone in reaching his conclusion. After illuminating Posner's work in a 25-page feature in its publication, *U.S. News & World Report* declared it would **never** review another book on the topic because the case was closed. Oswald was a Leftist, who viewed communism favorably and espoused Marxist theory.

Hesitatingly, JFK championed civil rights. "He ordered his attorney general to submit friends of the court briefs on behalf of civil rights litigants." He appointed African Americans to positions within his administration. He selected Thurgood Marshall for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York. He backed voter registration drives. In a second term, JFK, influenced by Martin Luther King, Jr., was contemplating civil rights legislation.

Who murdered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? On April 4, 1968, James Earl Ray, a southern segregationist, assassinated MLK in Memphis, TN. Ray, who fled to England, was subsequently captured.

In summary, the murderers of Lincoln, Kennedy, and King, were politically Left, and certainly not Republicans. Lincoln, Kennedy, and King, each of whom had great potential for expanding the rights and acceptance of African Americans, were cut down in their prime.

A Sordid History

Prior to the Civil War and for 27 months *past* the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, who owned slaves? Democrats. Republicans, with a few exceptions, did not own slaves.

Who lynched at least 5,400 blacks, from 1882 to 1968, primarily throughout the South, with the annual peak occurring in the late 1800s, when one party acted to enforce white supremacy? In a word, Democrats.

Who created the Ku Klux Klan? Politifact [6] says: "Back in the mid-19th century, various Klans in the South acted as a 'strong arm' for many local Democratic politicians..." A Confederate general, "believed to be the KKK's first Grand Dragon even spoke at the 1868 Democratic National Convention." Democrats didn't launch the KKK, but they played along.

Who blocked and delayed women's suffrage, for some 79 years? At the critical times, it was Democrats.

Who upheld segregation throughout the early 1900s, during World War II, and into the 1950s and 1960s? Democrats. Who posted signs that said, "Colored drinking fountain," or, "Colored bathroom?" Democrats.

Who stood at the doorway of high schools and institutions of higher learning and said to African-Americans you may not attend? Democrats.

Who interned Japanese American citizens during World War II, for three years? President Franklin Roosevelt, a Democrat.

The Part of Racism, Bias, and Prejudice

Malcolm X once noted, "Both parties are racist, and the Democratic Party is more racist than the Republican Party." What would prompt this learned man, with vast experience in politics and racial prejudice, to make such a statement?

For 200+ years, Democrats have revealed their racism, bias, and prejudice. Yet, with a Democrat-controlled mainstream media, which party is cast as being racist and biased? Which presidents and politicians are deemed racist? Republicans.

Throughout time, Republicans have not always acted as saints, but they can't hold a candle in our society to the Democrat party when it comes to racism, bias, and prejudice.

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Conservatism Now Means Defeating the Establishment (2020-10-19 19:00)

Look around you at the smoldering ruins of American society, and it's clear that you owe our garbage Establishment nothing.

Not loyalty.

Not respect.

Not obedience.

Nothing.

It has failed you. And now it is dead to you.

Tear it all down.

Rip out its rotten foundations.

Burn the poisonous debris.

Rebuild it on a foundation of the Constitution.

There was once a social contract out there that we all thought we all signed on to. You know the outlines of the implicit deal. We agreed to give up certain prerogatives and to provide prestige and prosperity to those people – who became the Establishment – who would run our institutions for us. For example, we outsourced our right to avenge ourselves to the justice system and (except for immediate self-defense) to keep order to the police. We would respect and trust the objective, neutral truth-tellers, called “journalists,” who would gather and disseminate the news and information we needed to be active citizens. And, in a formal way under our Constitution, we agreed to give government officials enumerated powers and to be bound by the rules implemented via due process and limited by the Bill of Rights.

It was imperfect, as all human endeavors are, but on the whole it worked.

Until now.

Our institutions are old. Most date from just after World War II, or even further back. How about the example of academia? For the most part, in terms of practice, the only major difference between the typical college class today and one a century ago is that the person lecturing the hungover sophomores knows which bathroom to use. What is different is that it doesn't work anymore – those mush-minded teens are not learning the info they need to be citizens, both because what they are being fed is rancid propaganda and because there are no standards anymore. Oh, and it costs more than the average American makes in a year to get young Kaden or Ashleigh that Collectivist Pottery bachelor's degree.

And because the institutions are old, the geniuses and innovators who founded those institutions are long dead. Our institutions are run by people who didn't build them. They inherited them, and like the vast majority of heirs, they are screw-ups. Take a look at the Kennedys if you're unclear on how generations devolve over time. JFK captained PT 109, became president, and scored with Marilyn Monroe. This generation of Kennedys mostly scores dope. As Instapundit Glenn Reynolds says, we have the worst ruling class in American history.

Moreover, technology is disrupting the comfy university scam. I like to take long walks and listen to Audible. I like Roman history – which is super relevant right now and which has very much influenced my upcoming novel in the People's Republic series – and for about \$14 I can listen to entire graduate-level courses on the subject by very best professors in the world. Who needs Harvard – except insecure people who can't not let drop that they went to Harvard within 30 seconds of meeting you?

Other institutions have also been disrupted by technology. Newspapers still call themselves “newspapers,” but technology has eliminated the “papers” part, while their gross political partisanship has eliminated the “news” part. Hollywood used to be modeled on a few thousand big rooms showing moving, talking pictures, but technology has changed that to a few million small rooms showing moving, talking pictures. While the ability to make content has increased exponentially as the price of production has dropped, Hollywood still tries to maintain control by centralizing distribution via Netflix, Hulu and so on. This is true across the spectrum of institutions. They are trying to maintain the status quo despite their institutional obsolescence because the status quo means control. The institutions' focus is no longer on doing the jobs those institutions were supposed to do. It is on preserving the

institutions in their current, corrupt and inept form, and thereby the power of the corrupt, inept elite that runs those institutions.

What's this mean? It means that we cannot count on the institutions to do their job – that is, to do those things we need them to do – because their real job is now perpetuating their operators' grift.

Take the FBI, please – take it to wherever J. Edgar Hoover is buried, and even he'd be freaked out and spinning in his grave and getting all tangle in his burial gown. The FBI used to be the the gold standard, the crème de la crème of law enforcement. And, instead of being Efrem Zimbalist, Jr., rounding up mobsters, bank robbers, and commies, it's a bunch of fugly geeks awkwardly boinking each other when they aren't trying to frame the president. The FBI got the Hunter Biden computer about a year ago, a computer full of emails about the Democrat nominee's crack-curious son's adventures in influence peddling with Ukrainian robber barons and the Chi-Coms, and if some computer repair guy in New Jersey hadn't thought to keep a copy of the contents the FBI would have deep-sixed the hard drive just like it did Weiner's laptop in service of their Establishment masters. In fact, leakers are leaking that it's the RUSSIANS at it again in order to actively and willfully cover up the biggest corruption story in American history. But hey, rest easy knowing the Eff Bee Eye is all over any garage door pull knots that freak out losing race car drivers.

Law enforcement is supposed to protect us by enforcing the law. Now it lets off rioters but will go gangbusters on you should you defend your family from leftist savages. We have seen that there are always cops who will choose their pension over their duty and bust your church or synagogue for illegal praying. The elite needs minions to do its dirty work and shamefully some doughnut-gobblers have proven themselves only too eager to obey. And even if you do manage to demonstrate that your prosecution is so corrupt that even our garbage DOJ wants to dismiss it, an Establishment judge won't let you and an appeals court won't make him even though the law says they must.

You cannot avail yourself of the law. The Establishment, which is supposed to uphold it, ignores it when it limits them and abuses it to restrict you. That seems problematic in the long term.

And then there's the media – well, we knew it was trash, but the last week has even boggled the minds of the most cynical critics. A few weeks ago, there was a collective spasm over the “losers and suckers” claims by four anonymous sources that were refuted by 25 on-the-record sources. This week, there was hard evidence of Biden business badness and the mainstream media swung into action to actively deny and excuse the evidence. The biggest corruption story of all time – a vice president running an influence peddling ring for foreigners – and the media's response is to tell us there's nothing to see. And then, when the tech fascists decided to suppress the news, the media actively supported this censorship.

The Establishment has failed. It failed to meet its most basic obligations. What's this mean?

That means you're free.

You owe it nothing, not respect, deference, or obedience.

So don't give it any of these.

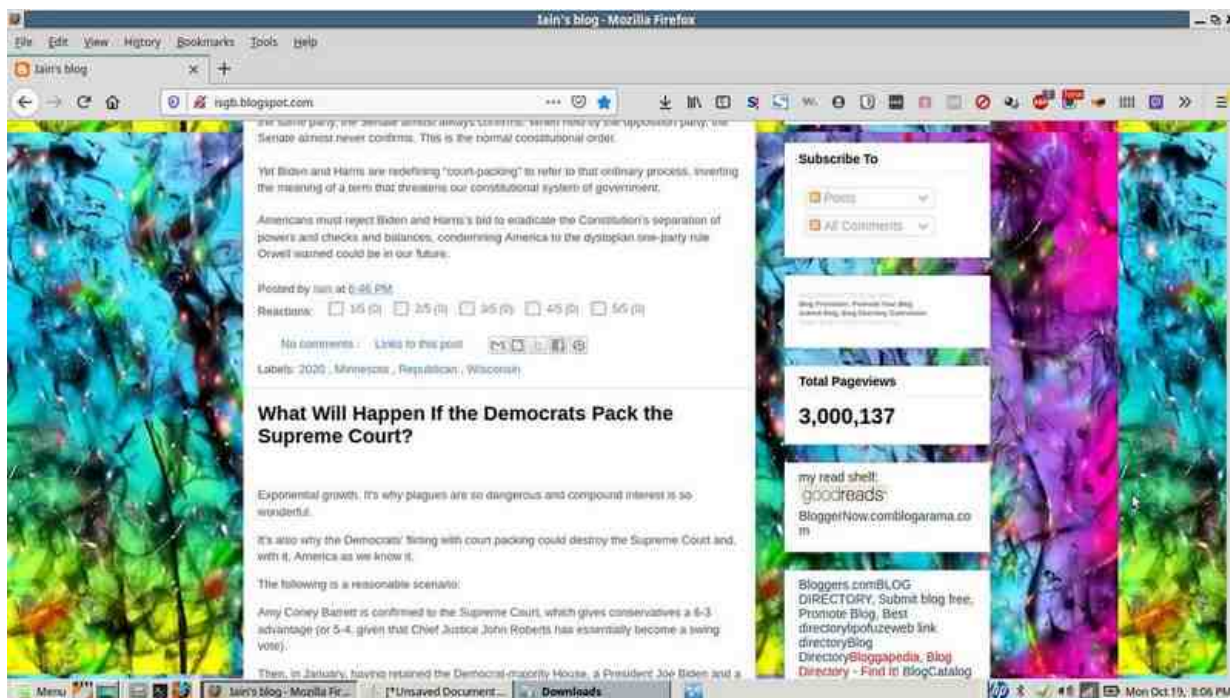
See, the Establishment succeeds in spite of its manifest incompetence and greed because of inertia. It perpetuates because we go along with it as if everything is normal. It counts on us thinking what we are witnessing are merely the occasional blips and problems inherent in any human endeavor instead of the systemic failure that it demonstrates. This rot is real and dramatic and, untreated, will be fatal to our country. Remember the Romans? You start changing the rules and sooner or later instead of a Republic you have an emperor who marries his horse.

Conservatism is no longer about conserving; it's about ripping apart the whole corrupt system and overthrow-

ing the garbage Establishment.

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Biden Family's Corruption Is Nothing New And Largely Legal (2020-10-24 22:57)

When you get to make the rules, they always favor you. Parents can do things they forbid their kids from doing, bosses can take long lunches while insisting you not return late, and politicians can take pay-offs while...actually, there isn't much of a private sector equivalent for that one.

The word "bribe" has an obvious, legal meaning that, through a few tricks built into the system by the politicians who wrote the laws, helps them avoid breaking them while taking what amounts to bribes.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a bribe as "1: money or favor given or promised in order to influence the judgement or conduct of a person in a position of trust; 2: something that serves to induce or influence."

Hiring the otherwise unemployable, crack smoking son of the vice president of the United States in the hope of gaining favorable opinion or treatment from the government of the United States, for example, would seem to

go a long way toward fitting that definition. Actually getting that favorable treatment would complete that definition.

That's the short version of what Ukrainian oil and gas company Burisma did with Hunter Biden. The firing of the prosecutor pursuing a corruption investigation of the company's business practices and owner at the insistence of Hunter's dad, the then vice president, is the unambiguous second part of that hypothetical transaction.

But it's not a bribe, not legally. Not even a pay-off. It's a perfectly legal coincidence.

Hunter was making a fortune with no skills, knowledge, or abilities, but it was a drop in the bucket compared to the net worth of the company. From their perspective, it was a smart and cheap investment.

It was also legal. As was all the other sweetheart deals Hunter got out of Russia, China, and who knows where else.

How? Because, unless there is a paper trail of Joe Biden saying he'd do something in exchange for cash, any favorable treatment Hunter's sugar daddies got can be chalked up to coincidence.

Any illegal activity on behalf of Joe would come from him getting a piece of the action and hiding the money. While there are strong indications and insinuations that Joe was wetting his beak, he knows the law and it would be unlikely to be found out. This is compounded by the fact that no one is looking. Journalists aren't interested, neither, it seems, is the FBI. If he wins next week, the story will disappear faster than Tara Reade's name from newspapers.

What the Bidens appear to have done is not new. Direct payments of bribes is a thing of the past. Today's politicians now engage in corruption by proxy.

Pioneers in this new bribery were none other than the Clintons. Bill and Hillary raked in a fortune through their "charities," and lived quite well off that money.

When you think of bribes you think of very specific asks - do this and I'll give you that. In international politics, bribes are ways to curry favor to get better treatment in the future. Saudi Arabia didn't give \$20 million to the Clintons' charities because they wanted to provide mosquito nets to Africa. To do that, Saudi Arabia could have simply purchased \$20 million worth of mosquito nets and sent them there directly. They wanted to be in the good graces of who they, and the world, thought would be the next president of the United States. The same is true for most of Hunter's business deals.

The only difference between the shady dealings of the Clintons and the Bidens is the Clintons had the good sense to give it the cover of charity. The Bidens, just as corrupt as Bill and Hillary but not nearly as sophisticated, went right for profit; for cash payments.

Proving a bribe when filtered through others is nearly impossible; someone would have to roll. People in power know the rules, they wrote them. The public would be shocked if they knew exactly what is legal.

A member of Congress facing virtually no challenge in a safe district can't take campaign cash and put it in their pockets because that would be illegal. They can, however, hire their spouse and pay them almost \$3 million for "consulting," or 70 percent of their campaign spending, and it's perfectly legal. Ilhan Omar did just that. She couldn't take the money herself, but she could pay her husband's consulting firm \$2.7 million and he could put his chunk of that money in their joint bank account and *poof* it's legal.

There likely isn't a cashed check or findable bank account with Joe Biden's name on it. Even Joe is too smart to have signed anything. But Switzerland and many Caribbean countries don't have strict banking laws and pride

themselves on secrecy.

Joe has made millions since leaving office in 2017, so it's not like he needs the money, especially at his age. Still, you make hay while the sun is shining. He likely wants to take care of his family after he's gone. The motive is clear, the details are foggy, and the truth is most of what we're likely to ever learn about it is quite possibly "legal."

Biden and the Lying Press (2020-10-24 23:11)

If we had an honest press, Joe Biden wouldn't be running for president. Biden's mental deterioration or apparent status as some Ukrainian/Russian/Chinese mafioso would have long ago torpedoed his career.

But it is what it is. Today's press is not the unbiased watchdog that our founders granted constitutional protection. Today's press is nothing more than a biased, butt-kissing left-wing self-licking ice cream cone.

Today's media are Stalinist to the core. They are prejudicial liars who promote poisonous propaganda to manipulate public opinion.

And during the 2020 Election, rather than covering a story about [1]Biden family corruption, media scum-suckers are running cover for "[2]the big guy."

During an interview earlier this year with [3]Breitbart News, Government Accountability Institute President Peter Schweizer said the Biden family made themselves wealthy from [4]Ukraine and [5]China using Joe Biden's influential role as vice president. Mainstream media remained silent, almost indignant at the suggestion.

Thanks to recent bombshell reporting by the New York Post, [6]Hunter Biden emails surfaced, corroborating Schweizer's story, which the FBI is now investigating (but don't hold your breath). Predictably, [7]media bottom-feeders continue to look the other way.

True to form, [8]CNN's Jake Tapper claimed the allegations are "too disgusting to repeat" on his network. Likewise, during an interview with Trump, [9]CBS News correspondent Lesley Stahl torpedoed Trump's claims about the scandal. [10]NPR hasn't covered it because "We don't want to waste our time on stories that are not really stories, and we don't want to waste the listeners' and readers' time on stories that are just pure distractions." On the Today show, [11]NBC News' Andrea Mitchell suggested it was part of a Russian disinformation campaign to influence the election. As of this writing, [12]ABC News ignored the story completely.

Additionally, and to no surprise, Twitter and Facebook suppressed it too. Does anyone doubt if Donald Trump used Eric Trump to curry favor with Moscow and funnel cash to the Trump Organization, the media would lose their collective minds?

During the final presidential debate, moderator Kristen Welker really had no choice but to ask Biden about the scandal. Welker asked Biden if his son's foreign business ties were "inappropriate" or "unethical," and pretty much left it at that. In sharp contrast, Welker repeatedly interrupted Trump, many times on Biden's behalf—and cut off Trump when he started talking about the Joe Biden family foreign pay-for-play scandal. Welker failed to challenge Biden's litany of lies and ignored important facts Trump brought up like the infamous immigrant kid cages—which everyone knows—except maybe the intentionally ignorant media—were a product of the Obama-Biden administration.

In a nutshell, the leftist media refuses to cover what may be the most significant political story of the 2020 presidential election.

But who is surprised? No one, including Founding Father Thomas Jefferson.

In a letter to Thomas Carrington on January 16, 1787, [13]Jefferson wrote, "...were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

It didn't take long for Jefferson to change his opinion of the once venerated free press. Twenty years to be exact.

When writing to newspaper editor John Norvell years later, Jefferson said: "To your request of my opinion of the manner in which a newspaper should be conducted so as to be most useful, I should answer 'by retraining it to true facts and sound principles only.' Yet I fear such a paper would find few subscribers. It is a melancholy truth that a suppression of the press could not more completely deprive the nation of its benefits, than is done by its abandoned prostitution to falsehood...I will add that the man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them; inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and error."

What a timely message in today's political climate considering "falsehoods and error" is Biden's apparent campaign strategy, coupled with the media's "abandoned prostitution to falsehood."

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Democrats Are Fighting for Their Lives. Republicans Need to Fight Back. (2020-10-26 17:04)

With Judge Amy Coney Barrett on the verge of confirmation, Democrats are showing utter disdain for their constitutional duties and the American people.

While the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously recommended Barrett for a full Senate vote, anti-Trump Democrats boycotted in protest, taking their #Resistance to a whole new level. This is unprecedented: Despite finding no legitimate flaws in Barrett's nomination (because there are none), the Left decided to grandstand anyway, sending a clear message that bipartisanship is dead. Today's Democrats want Americans to know that they are not interested in sharing power, just consolidating it.

The Left's strategy is two-fold, the first one being more obvious than the second. The lead strategy is for Democrats to press healthcare reform—read: health insurance—as the key message heading into Election Day.

Republicans, the Democrats argue, don't care about the sick and they're actively working to strip Americans of the health insurance secured under Obamacare. During their recent boycott, Democrats placed large posters of insured Americans on Obamacare, framing them as victims under attack.

The Left's ultimate goal is to frame all non-Democrats as heartless and hostile to Americans, who need health insurance to survive and thrive—particularly in the age of COVID-19. The mainstream media peddled Democratic talking points that Republicans are so heartless and hostile, in fact, as to secretly appoint and approve a judge whose sole purpose is to kill fellow Americans—particularly Black ones—by striking down the Affordable Care Act. In the words of Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI): “People are going to be without health care in the middle of a pandemic, no less.”

Of course, Barrett believes in health insurance just like any American. As the mother of seven children, she is obviously compassionate. She is obviously not waging a war against the sick or Black Americans.

The Left's duplicitous strategy is to box Barrett in by either putting her in a position to prove them wrong when she is confirmed or guilting her into making liberal decisions when that day comes. If Barrett were to rule against Obamacare, Democrats would immediately come out and say “we told you so,” accusing Barrett of viciously attacking health insurance—and, by extension, putting American lives at risk. In the Left's worldview, ideology is more important to Republicans than people.

This fallacy will then prompt Democrats to pack the court—or, at least, go down swinging. Joe Biden's running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), essentially suggested as much by urging Barrett to recuse herself from Obamacare-related cases. Guilt into submission.

When the Left fights dirty, Republicans must commit to fighting back with the same energy. There are millions of Obamacare victims, and Republicans should promote examples of these horror stories to circulate the pictures of their pain far and wide. Millions of Americans lost their health insurance because of President Obama's partisan push for socialized medicine. Millions more detest the law. Their stories need to be heard, and Republicans must share them with the masses. This falls on President Trump, Senate Republicans, and all Obamacare critics.

As President Trump often says, the Republican Party must learn to “get tougher and fight.” Republicans cannot allow Democrats to paint them as heartless and hostile to American lives, when it's so clearly not true. As parents and as children, we should find it disrespectful for the Left to turn politics into a showdown between good and evil.

The Supreme Court fight is just the latest example. By promoting their people—the many millions who oppose Obamacare—Republicans will be able to protect Barrett from the Left's attacks, but they will also set themselves up for electoral success in 2020 and beyond.

If and when the Republicans retain control of the Senate, they must ignore all precedent and mercilessly snuff out the Democrats' hope. The Republican Party should never surrender.

The age of compromise is over—the war is here.

No, PS4 Pro graphics aren't as revolutionary as SD-to-HD shift (2020-10-26 17:36)

In introducing the [1]PS4 Pro yesterday, Sony compared the addition of 4K resolution and high dynamic range ([2]HDR) to the jump from standard definition to high definition that took place in consoles a decade ago. After seeing the Pro

demonstrated in person after Sony's announcement event last night, however, I can't say the jump in graphical fidelity is really comparable to that SD-to-HD leap.

At its base, the PS4 Pro is just a more graphically powerful version of the [3]standard PS4. The new unit's AMD GPU is capable of 4.2 teraflops, Sony says, compared to 1.84 teraflops on the standard model. That would seem to put the Pro somewhere between AMD's recently launched Radeon RX 470 and 480 PC graphics cards in terms of raw graphical processing power (though differences in PC and console architecture make that something of an apples-to-oranges comparison). The PS4 Pro also sports unspecified improvements to the CPU clockspeed and memory bandwidth over the standard model.

To be clear, there's no single set of standard improvements that you'll always see in a PS4 game running in "Pro mode." Developers have a lot of freedom in how they take advantage of the improved hardware specs to alter the look of their games. As long as Pro Mode looks better than standard mode (while not running at a worse frame rate), it's fine by Sony.

Sometimes, the decision on graphical improvements can be passed on to the players themselves. In Crystal Dynamics' *Rise of the Tomb Raider*, for instance, PS4 Pro players will reportedly be able to choose between three different graphical modes: one with a higher display resolution, one with a higher frame rate, and one with more detailed visuals at standard 1080p and 30fps (enhanced lighting, shadow, reflections, etc).

Other developers are putting the graphical focus where they think it's most needed. *Infamous First Light*, for instance, gets a huge boost from the addition of HDR color. After decades spent in the basic RGB color space, HDR makes the game look somewhat hyper-real, with neon-colored particle lighting effects that seem to jump off the screen. The bright orange hair on the protagonist in *Horizon: Zero Dawn* looked similarly brilliant in HDR.

If you have a 4K monitor or TV, these gameplay snippets give you some idea of what PS Pro's 4K games look like.

Shadow of Mordor, on the other hand, isn't even bothering to use the PS4 Pro to increase the color depth of its scenes (which are full of muted browns and grays, anyway). Instead, the game prioritizes more detailed character models for its crowd scenes and sharper resolutions to enhance close-ups. Without a direct side-by-side comparison, though, it was hard to say that the difference was immediately noticeable. The same can be said for *Rise of the Tomb Raider*, which was only showing its high-resolution mode at the event.

For all you pixel-counters out there, note that the games Sony showed yesterday don't seem to be rendered in "native" 4K. While the Pro system is capable of outputting full-resolution 4K images and games, it's not really powerful enough to do so while rendering the kinds of realistic 3D worlds with the level of detail we've come to expect from big-budget games.

While some retro-styled 2D or low-polygon 3D games might be able to produce a full 3840 x 2160 frame buffer at least 30 times a second, most games will run internally at a lower resolution. Sony says that the Pro will make use of an internal rendering pipeline and techniques that help fill in those missing pixels on the display. Insomniac CTO Al Hastings said the difference between "native" 4K and the PS4 Pro's output should be "nearly indistinguishable." [4]



[5]Enlarge / The big brother of the PS4 family.

Full 4K or not, the added resolution certainly helps at the margins. Naughty Dog was showing off Pro-patched versions of *The Last of Us* and *Uncharted 4*, both of which were panning between Pro and standard graphics for the demo event. When the scene wiped to Pro mode, you could see less jaggedness on the stray edges of Drake's hair and more detail on some incidental leaves hanging off a distant boulder. These changes were easy to pick out when standing just a few feet away from a 75 inch display, though at longer distances with smaller displays, I'm not sure the resolution improvement will be as useful.

The changes in color depth ended up being much more impactful. Sand on *Uncharted's* beaches looked extra shimmery and fine-grained in Pro mode, for instance, and the clouds in *The Last of Us* went from being washed-out white blobs to fluffy masses with depth and shadow. The standard version looked downright dull in comparison—duller than I remember when playing on a standard PS4 months ago, in fact.

Even without a 4K TV, developers insist that the Pro can enhance the graphical experience of PS4 games. In Insomniac's upcoming *Spiderman* game, Hastings said that standard HDTV owners will see more "temporal stability" (read: steadier frame rates) and less aliasing and noise on the edges of objects, thanks to the [6]supersampling enabled by the extra hardware horsepower.

That supersampling ends up being important in virtual reality, too. Sony was showing off a new, Pro-powered version of *Farpoint*, a virtual reality shooter [7]we last saw running on a standard PS4 at E3. The PS4 Pro obviously can't add pixels to the PSVR's 1080p displays. What it can do, though, is allow the game to be rendered internally at twice the resolution as on a standard PS4, according to developer Impulse Gear. Even when that extra resolution is sampled down to fit on a lower-res VR display, the result is a much cleaner and more convincing 3D scene, with smoother lines and less overall blurriness.

Further Reading

[8]Sony will wake a sleeping HDR beast via firmware. What else hides in PS4?

All told, it's hard to judge the full impact of the PS4 Pro's power in the carefully controlled environment of the PlayStation Theater's demo space. So far, though, the bump in graphical fidelity seems less like the era-defining console leap of the first HD consoles and more like the kind of marginal improvement you would expect from a console that has to share compatibility with the three-year-old standard PS4. It's too early to tell if that graphical bump is worth the extra money (especially when the HDR improvements will [9]also be available to standard PS4 owners), but right now, we're a little skeptical.

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10 Ways to Make Money with a Truck (2020-10-27 11:32)

1. Construction Work

If you're looking for ways to make money with your pickup truck, construction work may be the first idea that comes to mind—and for good reason. Trucks are made for hauling heavy loads, and you have just the vehicle to do the job with ease. Look for job listings online or advertise your own services to get started.

2. Moving Service

Many people don't want to fork out the cash to hire a professional moving service, and you can use this to your advantage. An at-home moving service is one of the best jobs you can do with a pickup truck. Make it work around your existing job by only working only as much as you're able, whether that's one Saturday a month or several days a week.

3. Deliver Items

Delivery services are becoming more popular than ever, and a truck is the perfect vehicle for the job. You'll be able to carry more than the average Joe, saving you time and making you more money per hour. Consider delivering food, furniture and appliances, or packages. You can also make a quick buck by delivering garage sale items.

4. Hauling

When other cars let you down, a truck will be there to haul the heaviest, widest loads. As with delivery services, many people are paying for other people to haul items they can't handle with their own vehicle. Hauling stuff for money is one of the easiest ways to make money from your truck without much of a time investment.

Mattress Return Hauling

If you're looking to get the best bang for your buck out of a hauling job, mattress return hauling may be right for you. Sign up with a [1]mattress return service and find jobs in your area, on your own time. Simply pick up the mattress and take it to the designated destination to earn quick cash.

[2]

Start Making Money

5. Snow Plowing

You probably bought your truck in part because of its versatility and durability. But did you know you can turn your truck into a snowplow? If you live in a region that gets a lot of snow, this can be an excellent way to make money during the winter months.

6. Towing Services

Sometimes people decide to rent a boat or trailer for the day, but don't have a truck to tow it to their destination. This is where you come in. Join a towing service or start your own business towing boats, trailers, and cars for those who don't have the right vehicle to do the job.

7. Advertise on Your Truck

There's no easier way to make money than by using your truck as an advertisement. Find a product you'd like to promote, then inquire about putting an ad on your vehicle. Many companies will pay a decent weekly or monthly rate just for you to drive around with their logo.

8. Make Money Driving People

Still looking for more ideas on how to make extra money with a truck? Well, a valid driver's license and good driving history are about all you need to start making money by driving people. Sign up with a service like Uber or Lyft and start rolling in the extra cash in your downtime.

9. Landscaping Services

With your trusty pickup to carry all of your gear, it's easy to start offering landscaping services to make extra money. Invest in a good lawnmower, rake, and shovel, and you're all set.

10. Rent out Your Truck

In the era of crowdsourcing, it's no surprise that you can now rent out your vehicle for a day or two by registering with an easy-to-use app. Find an app that's popular in your area and then follow the quick signup process to start making money when your truck would otherwise be sitting idle in the driveway. You can also rent out your truck for parades and other special events.

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15 Greatest Halloween Party Songs (2020-10-27 11:39)

In just a few days it will be Halloween! The night of trick or treating, costumes, candy, and all things spooky. In celebration I have put together a list of the 10 songs that absolutely must feature at your halloween party – or, failing that, songs you must load onto your iPod to help you get in the mood. I have tried very hard to provide you with the most diverse and interesting set of songs possible – so while you may not see all of your favorites, you should see at least one or two new ones to add to your collection. Be sure to tell us your own favorites in the comments.

15

Bark at the Moon

Ozzy Osbourne

A list like this would not be complete without the awesomeness which is Ozzy Osbourne! This track is from the Bark at the Moon Album recorded in 1983. Ozzy is, of course, most famous for being the lead singer of Black Sabbath and it would be seriously wrong not to include him on this list.

[1]Buy the Album at Amazon

14

Devil Went Down To Georgia

Charlie Daniels Band

We have two firsts on this list – things I never thought I would see! One is Marilyn Manson, and the other is country music! It isn't my personal favorite, but this song definitely rates as a classic Halloween party song perfect to get people moving about and dancing. It contains brilliant violin playing by Charlie Daniels and even the most anti-country music people should enjoy it.

[2]Buy the Album at Amazon

13

The Raven

The Alan Parsons Project

Granted it isn't the most horrifying song, but it is a tribute to Edgar Allan Poe and provides a nice alternative to some of the heavier music on this list. This is probably the best song to play as your party is nearing an end – when people are either too drunk to care what you play, or sober enough to appreciate the lyrics which are taken directly from the Poe poem of the same title.

[3]Buy the Album at Amazon

12

I'm Your Boogie Man

White Zombie

I have to be honest and admit that I had never heard this song before I started researching this list – but it is definitely going to rank high for those of our readers planning a more hardcore party than the others. Also, for those of you who are planning to spread humbug this Halloween, you can play this at a very loud volume and you will frighten all the kids and parents who are trick or treating – save on candy costs!

[4]Buy the Album at Amazon

11

Bad Moon Rising

Creedence Clearwater Revival

This is a great hit from the '60s which went to number one in the UK. While it is not a particularly scary track, it is, for many people listening, likely to bring back many memories of Halloween parties of the past. This is one of my favorite songs on the list.

[5]Buy the Album at Amazon

10

Ghostbusters Theme

This song is a lighthearted song – most appropriate for the early stages of your Halloween party. This (and item 3 on the list) is perfect for playing as your guests are arriving and having their first drinks. It is also perfect for a kids Halloween party. And if you want some entertainment for the night, why not watch the film – [6]you can buy it here.

[7]Buy the Album at Amazon

9

The Addams Family Theme

The Addams Family was a 1964 hit series based on cartoons by Charles Addams. The theme will be familiar to most people either through the original series or the much more recently made movie. This is a great quirky hit for your party – a definite must-play.

[8]Buy the Album at Amazon

8

Welcome to my Nightmare

Alice Cooper

This song is from the album of the same name by Alice Cooper. It is a concept album in which each track progressively details the passage of a nightmare. This is the opening track and what could be more perfect for a loud Halloween Party.

[9]Buy the Album at Amazon

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This Is Halloween

Marilyn Manson

Rather than use the original soundtrack version of the song, I have chosen to use the Marilyn Manson version because I like it much more and think it has a better Halloween “feel” about it. I also love the Panic at the Disco version, but there is no doubt that the Manson version is the spookiest. The song is, of course, the title track of the brilliant Tim Burton film “The Nightmare before Christmas” which [10]you can buy here.

[11]Buy the Album at Amazon

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O Fortuna

Carl Orff

Everyone knows this song – it has been used in hundreds of horror movies. While the song sounds very eerie, the translation of the Latin original is not quite so spooky – it actually means “O Fortune, you wax and wane like the moon”. Hardly frightening stuff, but most people don’t know what it means and it will chill everyone that hears it to the bone! A definite must-have for Halloween. Oh – and it is from the cantata called Carmina Burana. I have picked an excellent version of it for you to buy:

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[12]Buy the Album at Amazon

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Tubular Bells

Anyone who has seen the Exorcist will appreciate the eeriness of this soundtrack. It plays at the start of the film as the main actress walks home from a day filming. The scene is full of moody shots of Washington in fall with children trick or treating. It lulls you in to a false sense of security before all hell breaks loose (literally) in the form of possessed girl Regan. This song will always be my favorite Halloween theme. Oh – and if you don't already have a copy of the movie, [13]you can get it here

4

Werewolves of London

Warren Zevon

This excellent track by Warren Zevon features drumming by Mick Fleetwood of Fleetwood Mac. It will be familiar to most people through its constant (over-)use in movies. Everyone will expect to hear this song at a party – don't disappoint them.

3

Monster Mash

Bobby Picket

If there is any one song on this list that people will be expecting to see – it is this. Monster Mash is a hilarious and fun song from 1962 sung by Bobby “Boris” Pickett. In a bizarre and rather lame attempt at a comeback, Picket released a spin-off of the song in 2005 called “Climate Mash”, a version with re-written lyrics about global warming and new vocals which was released on the Internet by the organization Clear the Air. Forget clearing the air for now – fill it with spooky mist and party

2

Toccat and Fugue in D Minor

J S Bach

Of this most famous piece of classical music, Wikipedia says: The Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565, is a piece of organ music commonly attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach, composed sometime between 1703 and 1707. It is one of the most famous works in the organ repertoire, and has been used in a variety of popular media ranging from film, to video games, to rock music, to cellphone ringtones and used for the autumn holiday Halloween. I doubt a single person here will not know it. Props to Bach for writing music so cool that even non-

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Thriller

Michael Jackson had to be number one. This track was damned scary when it came out, and it is still damned scary (though perhaps for different reasons now). I am sure that no one will dispute this item's placement as number one greatest halloween party song. Allow me to finish with a little inappropriate humor: do you know why Michael Jackson loves Halloween? Free delivery right to his door.

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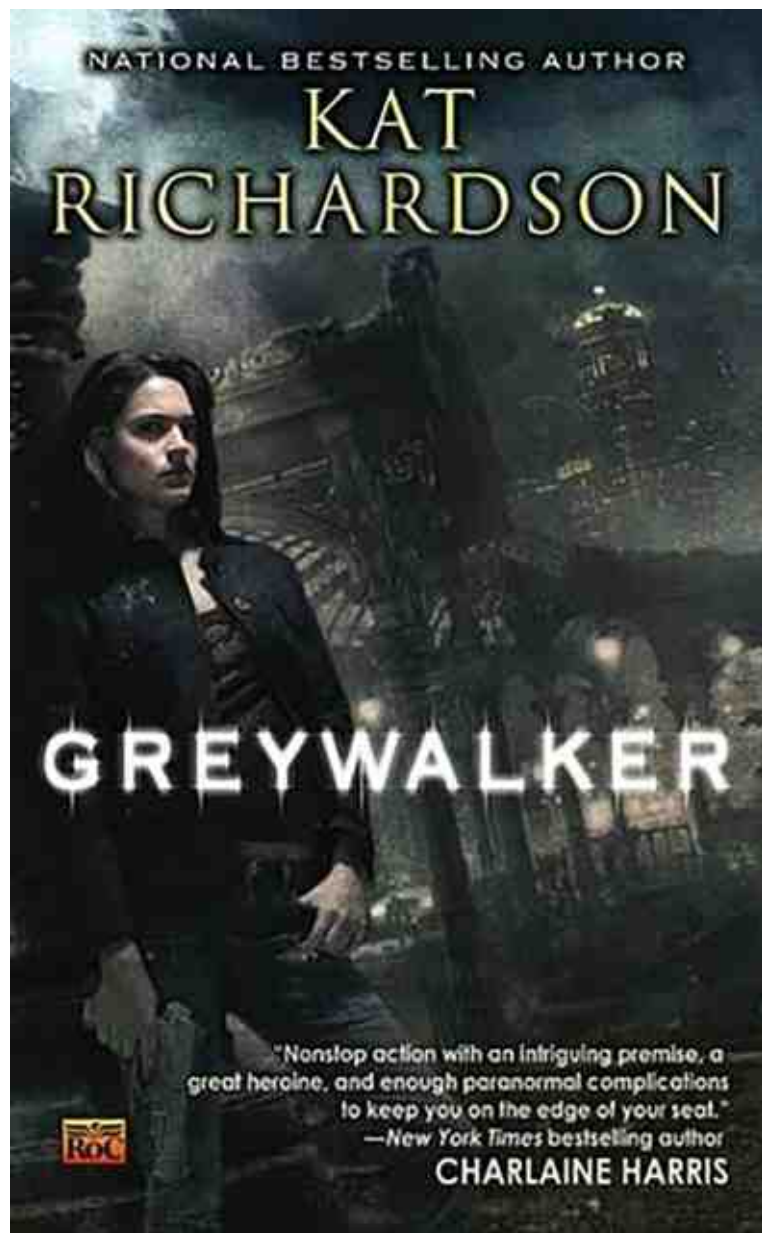
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Top 10 Mystery Novels That Deserve A Movie Adaptation (2020-10-27 11:42)

As far as fiction goes, books have always been a great way for people to experience a solid mystery plot. In fact, most of the best mystery movies and series were either adapted from a book or inspired by one. With the genre making a vivid comeback in the last few years, a good number of amazing books have become top contenders for future adaptations. From psychological thrillers and supernatural tropes, to the more traditional “who-done-it” murder mystery, let’s take a look at 10 dark and twisted mystery novels that would make fantastic movies:

[1]Top 10 World Famous Books That Got Rejected

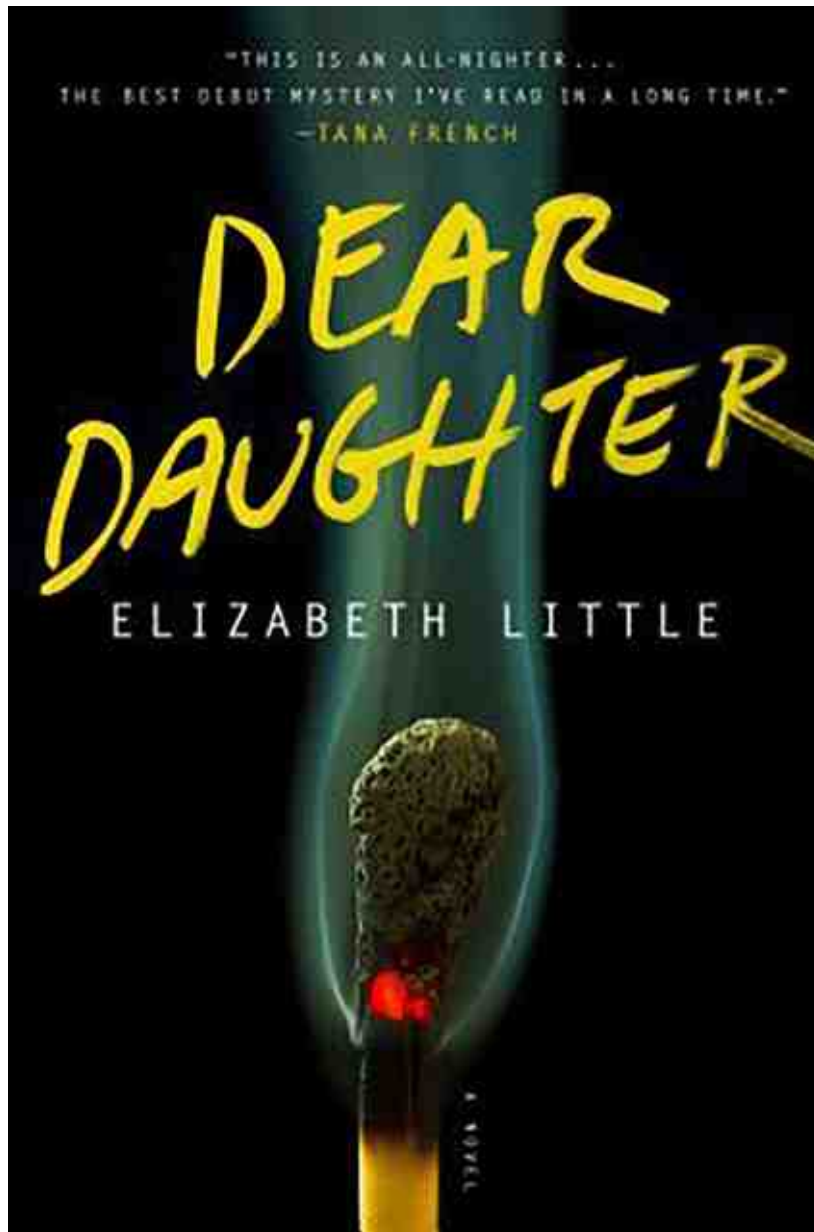
10 Greywalker (2006)



Harper Blaine is a private investigator as ordinary as can be in the foggy and rainy streets of Seattle. But, when one of her cases goes wrong and she is savagely attacked by a maniac she was tracking down for a client, Harper is pronounced dead. For two minutes. As she tries to go back to her life after waking up and leaving the hospital, she notices that things are not the same. She sees things and hears things she is not supposed to see and hear, and when mysterious people begin following her, she knows it can't all be a coincidence. Harper is now a Greywalker, a rare being capable of jumping between our world...and the other one.

This 2006 underrated and bizarre Kat Richardson novel is the first of a long series, and it has garnered a bit of a cult following over the years. The clever use of the noir detective genre mixed with a paranormal element creates a neat style full of action, and lead by an insanely charismatic, leather-jacket-wearing protagonist who tries to navigate her new reality as things get more dangerous. The format of the novels and the series as a whole would be perfect for a TV adaptation, in which every book would work as a season. Netflix, get on it.

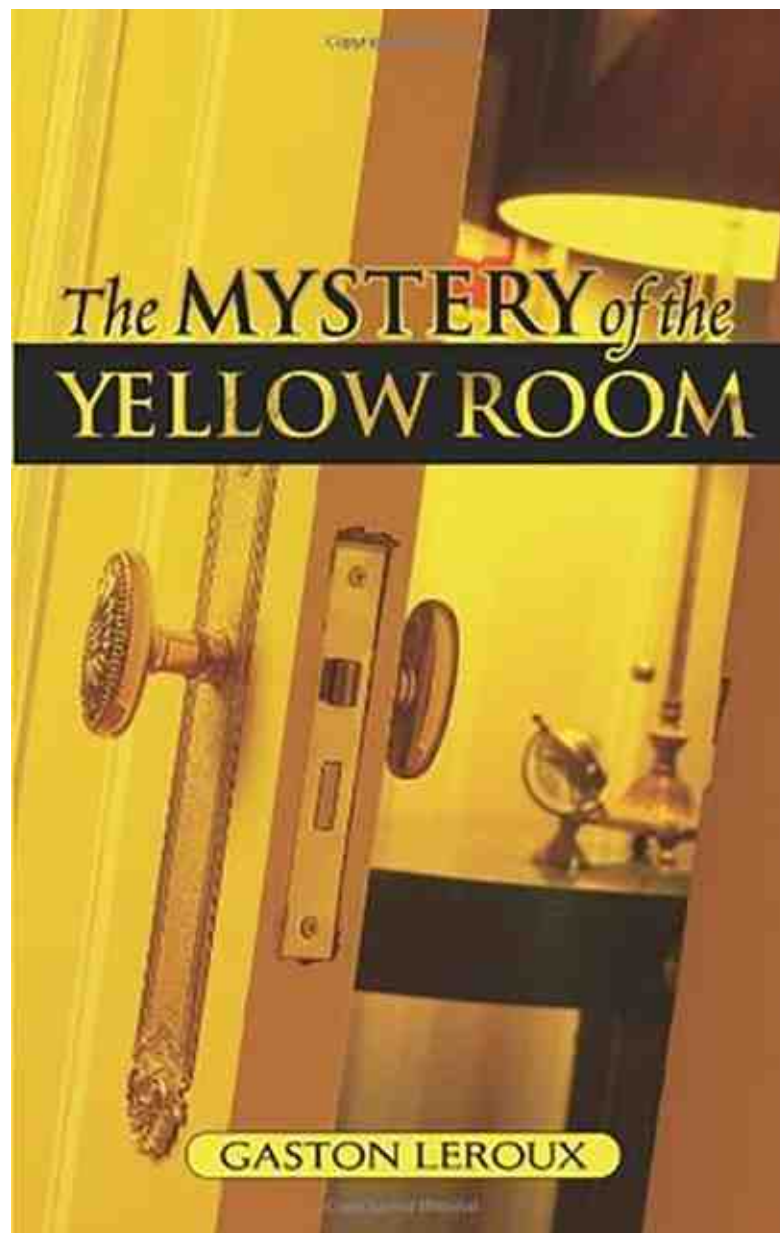
9 Dear Daughter (2014)



This brilliant award winning thriller tells the story of Jane Jenkins, a former Paris Hilton like high-society IT girl, who is being released from prison 10 years after being convicted for the murder of her own mother. Having escaped a life sentence on a technicality, Jane decides to take matters into her own hands and solve her mother's murder to prove her innocence. Her only clue being a private conversation she overheard on the night of the murder, she makes her way to a small town in South Dakota where many secrets from her past seem to have been hidden. As things unravel, she begins to question whether she actually is the killer she is trying so hard to catch.

Pitched as "Gone Girl" meets "Mean Girls", this 2014 novel by Elizabeth Little is one of the most effective thrillers in recent memory. The plot is rather unique, following Jane as she tries to investigate this case while the whole world believes she got away with the murder she is trying to solve. Following her as she attempts to keep her fragile undercover persona to avoid the public eye would make for quite the anxiety-inducing film.

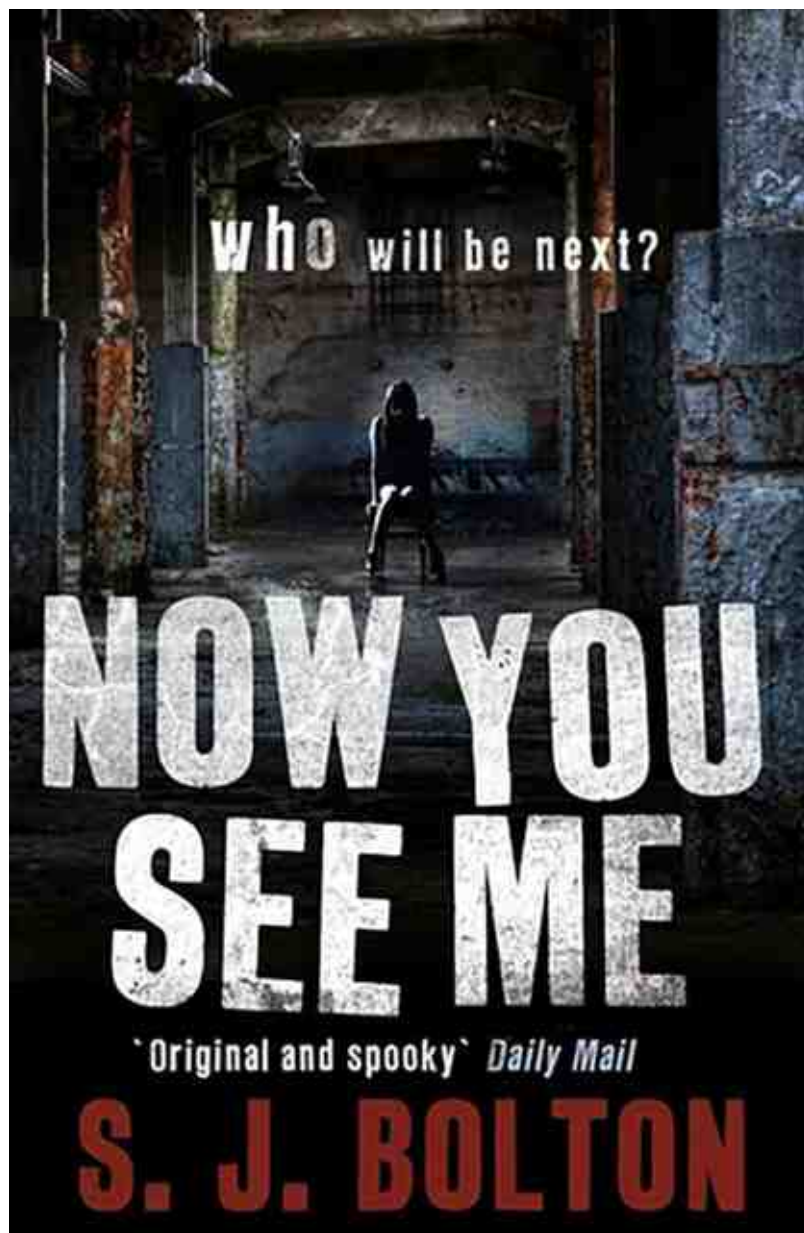
8 The Mystery Of The Yellow Room (1907)



When Mathilde Stangerson is found almost dead, alone and battered in her room (which is yellow, get it?), reporter Joseph Rouletabille is sent to investigate the violent assault. As he makes his way to the Stangersons' castle, along with his lawyer and friend Jean Sainclair, Joseph quickly understands that this strange case will not be an easy one to solve. Because one thing doesn't quite make sense: how did the attacker come in and out of a room that was locked from the inside?

"The Mystery Of The Yellow Room" is a classic of French literature. Written by legendary author Gaston Leroux, the 1907 novel has been adapted before, mainly as a French comedy back in 2003. That said, an updated, darker and grittier reimagining has long been talked about. A modern adaptation of the novel could make for an entertaining flick, as the sinister intrigue works in any setting and time period. Fingers crossed!

7 Now You See Me (2011)



No, it's not what you think. "Now You See Me" is the story of London detective Lacey Flint, who finds herself with a strange case when a Jack The Ripper copycat begins to kill and send letters to the media to taunt the police. While it all seems very superficial at first, the investigation takes a real turn when the killer calls out Lacey by name. And the further down the rabbit hole this case goes, the more Lacey realizes the killer may be linked to a certain part of her past she worked very hard to keep secret. With five days left until the next murder, and accompanied by a DI who grows increasingly suspicious of her, Lacey knows she needs to find the killer herself, and before anyone else.

This award winning masterpiece of suspense, courtesy of British author Sharon Bolton, marked the beginning of a critically acclaimed series of novels. Since its release in, fans have been begging for a movie adaptation of the novel, which could eventually be turned into a full franchise. With its fast paced storytelling, captivating intrigue, and its set of well written character, "Now You See Me" is a story that would only be made better by a movie adaptation.

6 The Good Son (2018)

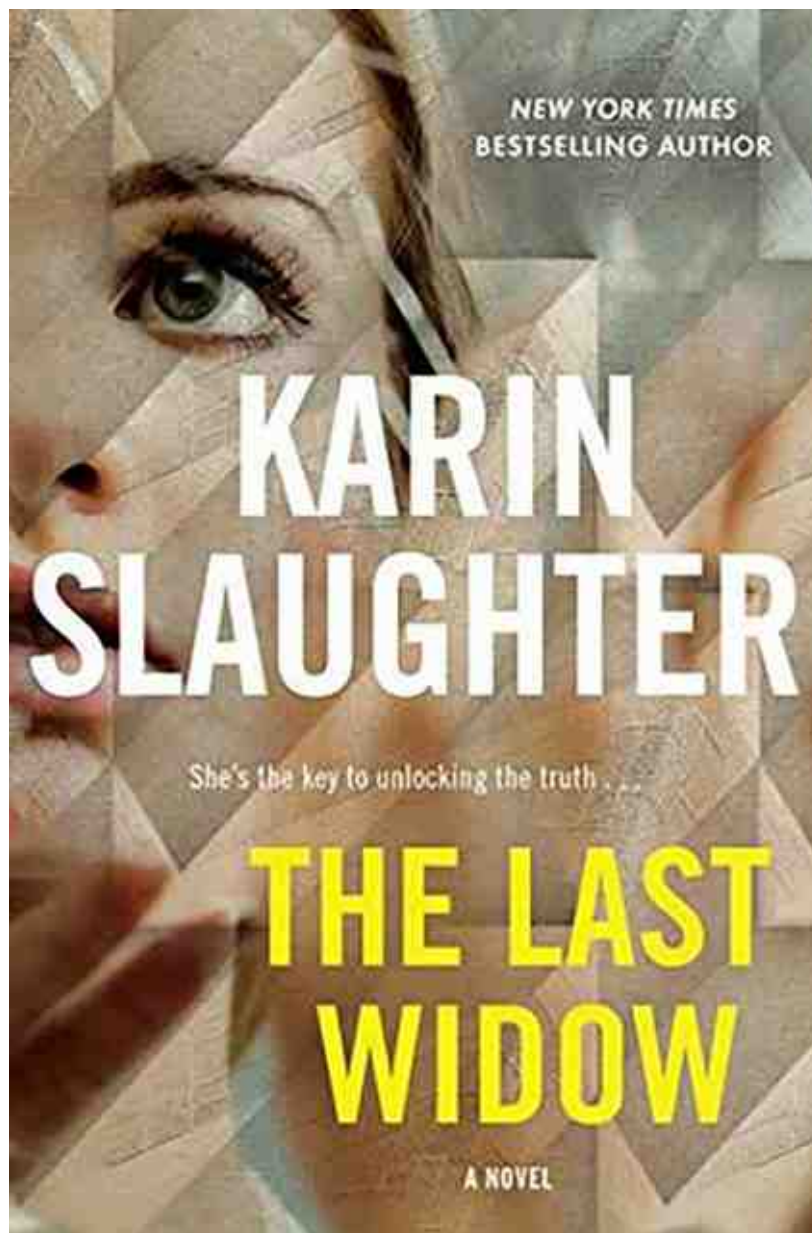


Since he was a young child, Yu-Jin has always had problems with his memory, but it never stopped him from living a perfectly normal life with his mother and his loving brother. But when, one morning, he wakes up to a voicemail from his mother asking if everything is okay at home, and realizes he is covered in blood and unable to remember the previous night, Yu-Jin's life takes a turn he cannot come back from. Especially because, minutes later, he finds his mother's dead body at the bottom of the stairs.

As far as psychological thrillers go, Korean author You-Jeong Jeong is a true master of the craft, and "The Good Son" is yet another proof of that. The unusual storytelling in this book is on a whole other level, and a movie following that structure would be unique, to say the least. And believe us when we tell you that you will never, ever see that final twist coming.

[2]10 Times Governments Edited Textbooks To Rewrite History

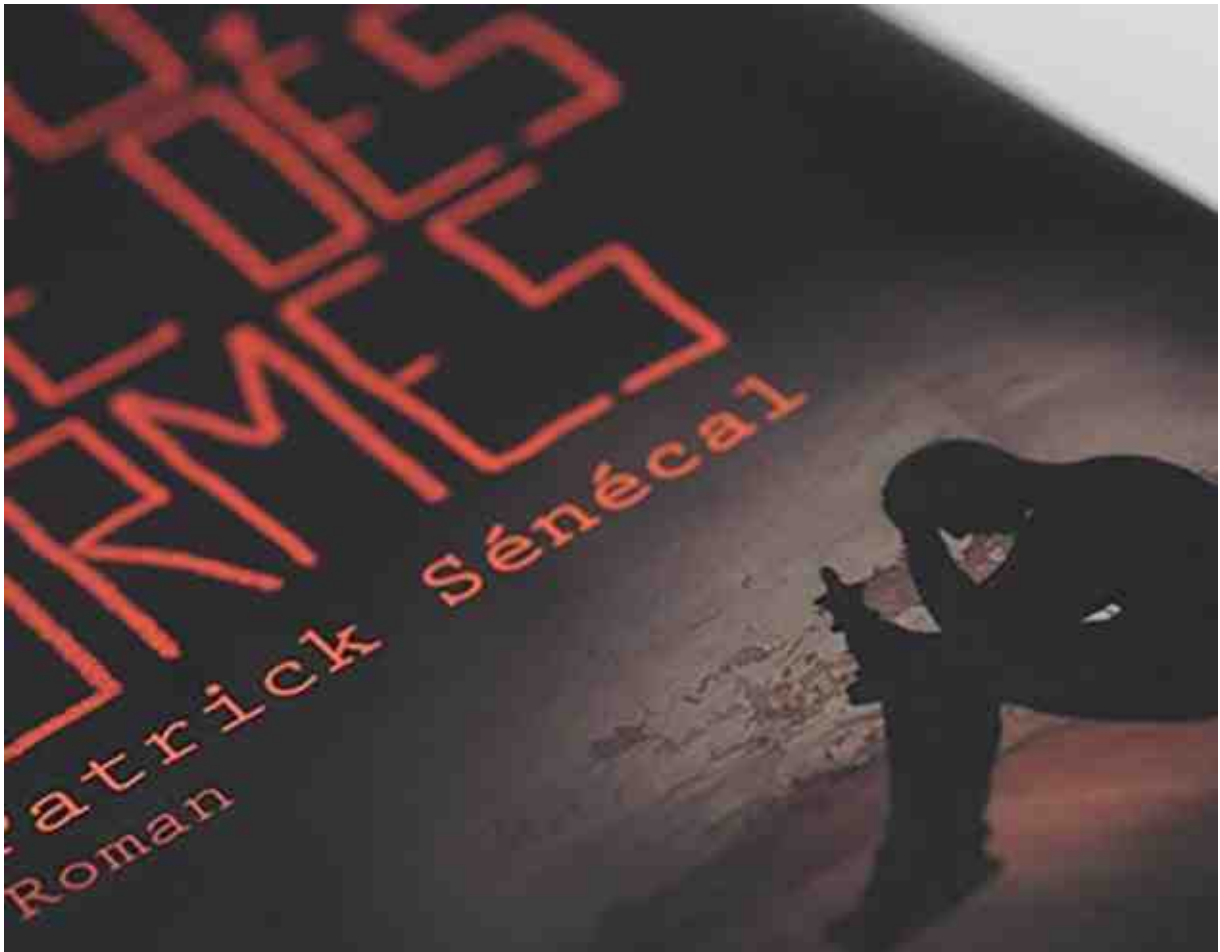
5 The Last Widow (2019)



A scientist from the CDC is suddenly kidnapped by a mysterious group of people in a parking lot in Atlanta. Thirty days later, two massive explosions destroy an entire neighborhood in the city. As they make their way to the scene, GBI investigators Will Trent and Sara Linton are caught off guard by a violent car accident, and Sara is kidnapped by the same people who took the scientist. Will is left for dead at the crash site. Coincidences? Hardly. Everything is connected, and before they can even make any sense of it all, Will and Sara find themselves at the center of a disturbing conspiracy that could bring death to thousands.

This bone-chilling 2019 Karin Slaughter novel is unbelievably dark and twisted, and has the guts to go to places you wouldn't expect. Following Will as he goes undercover in a world of corruption, terrorism and cults is a ride like no other. The book is raw, action-packed and thrilling all the way through, which could make for a highly entertaining movie in the vein of True Detective or Seven. Rumors have circulated about a The Last Widow adaptation being in the works, but as of right now, nothing has been officially announced or confirmed.

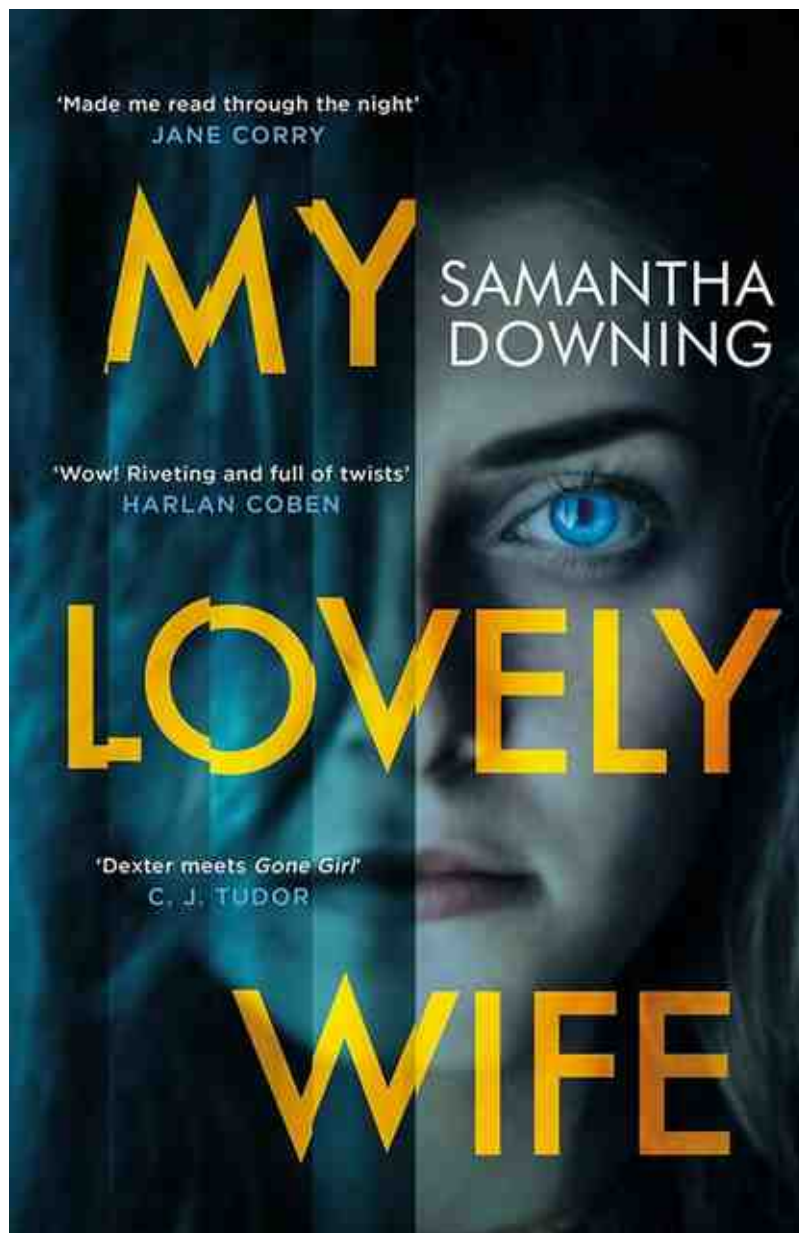
4 The Passenger (1995)



Etienne, a 28 year old college professor from Montreal, just got an exciting new job teaching a class in a nearby town. During one of his daily drives to work, he decides to take a hitchhiker named Alex in his car, to have some company. Alex appears to be friendly and ordinary at first, but things take a turn when he suddenly begins to lay out details of Etienne's life, talking as if they have known each other for years. And when a series of murders starts happening way too close to them, Etienne is forced to accept that this seemingly random encounter with Alex was anything but a coincidence.

Patrick Sénécal is often referred to as Canada's Stephen King, and this novel is one of the best examples of how true that is. The twists and turns that occur as the story and the truth behind Etienne and Alex's relationship unravel are both disturbing and incredibly clever. A few French outlets reported that a movie adaptation of *The Passenger* was in the works a few years ago, with shooting slated to start in 2018, but no news ever came from it since, meaning the movie probably got stuck in development hell. Let's hope it escapes its faith and finally comes to us on the big screen.

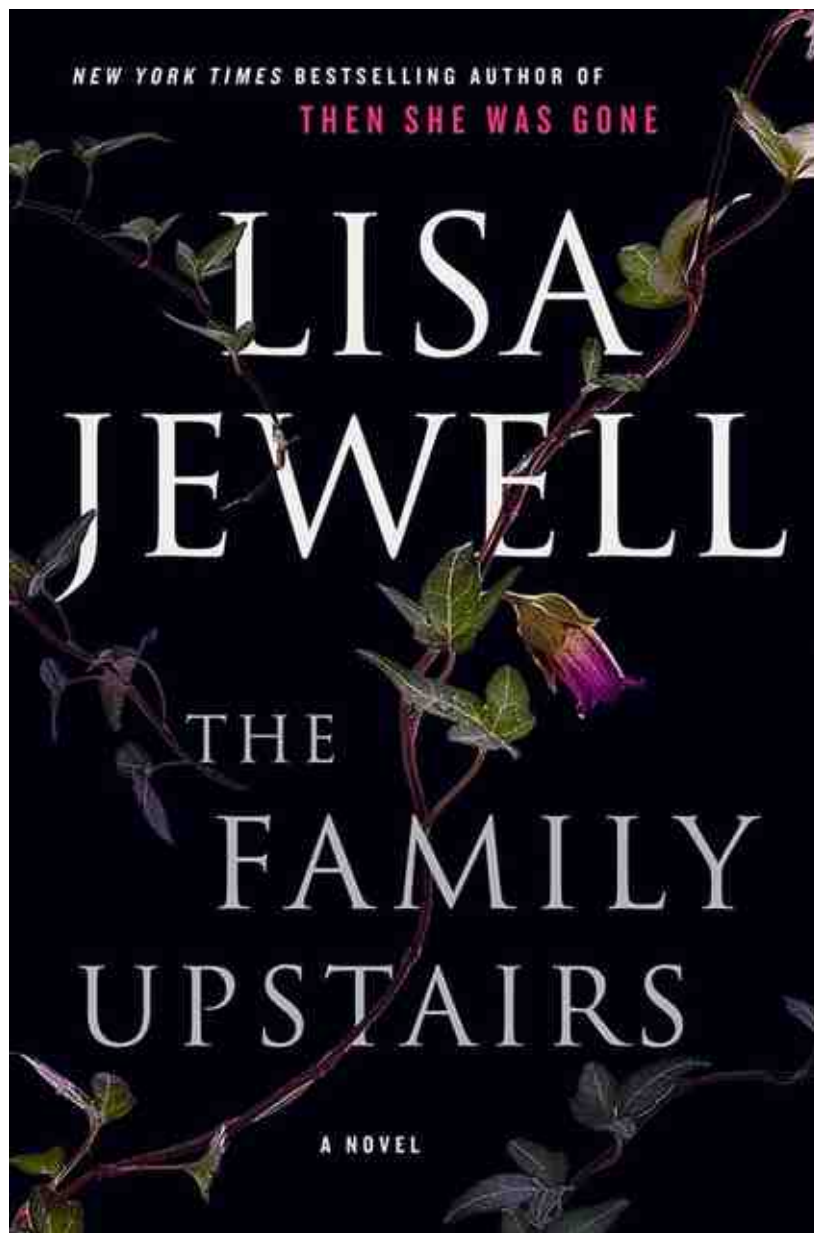
3 My Lovely Wife (2019)



Millicent and her husband have it all. A good marriage, a beautiful house in the suburbs, and two magnificent children. On the surface, nothing could be more perfect. But upholding a marriage is difficult, and some couples often decide to take on activities together to spice up their relationship and keep things fresh. Nothing out of the ordinary, right? Wrong. You see, Millicent just so happens to be a cold blooded sociopath, and her marriage-saving hobby just so happens to be the art of getting away with murder.

Few words can describe how twisted and macabre this book is. From the very start, the petrifying nature of the story grasps you, as you discover the most intriguing serial killer in fiction since Dexter and Mads Mikkelsen's Hannibal. Lucky for us, a movie adaptation of "My Lovely Wife" is already a done deal — Deadline reported in February 2020 that Amazon Studios and Nicole Kidman's company Blossom Films have partnered up to acquire the rights to Samantha Downing's international bestseller. And while we don't know if Kidman herself will portray the terrifying Millicent, we can still dream about it while we wait.

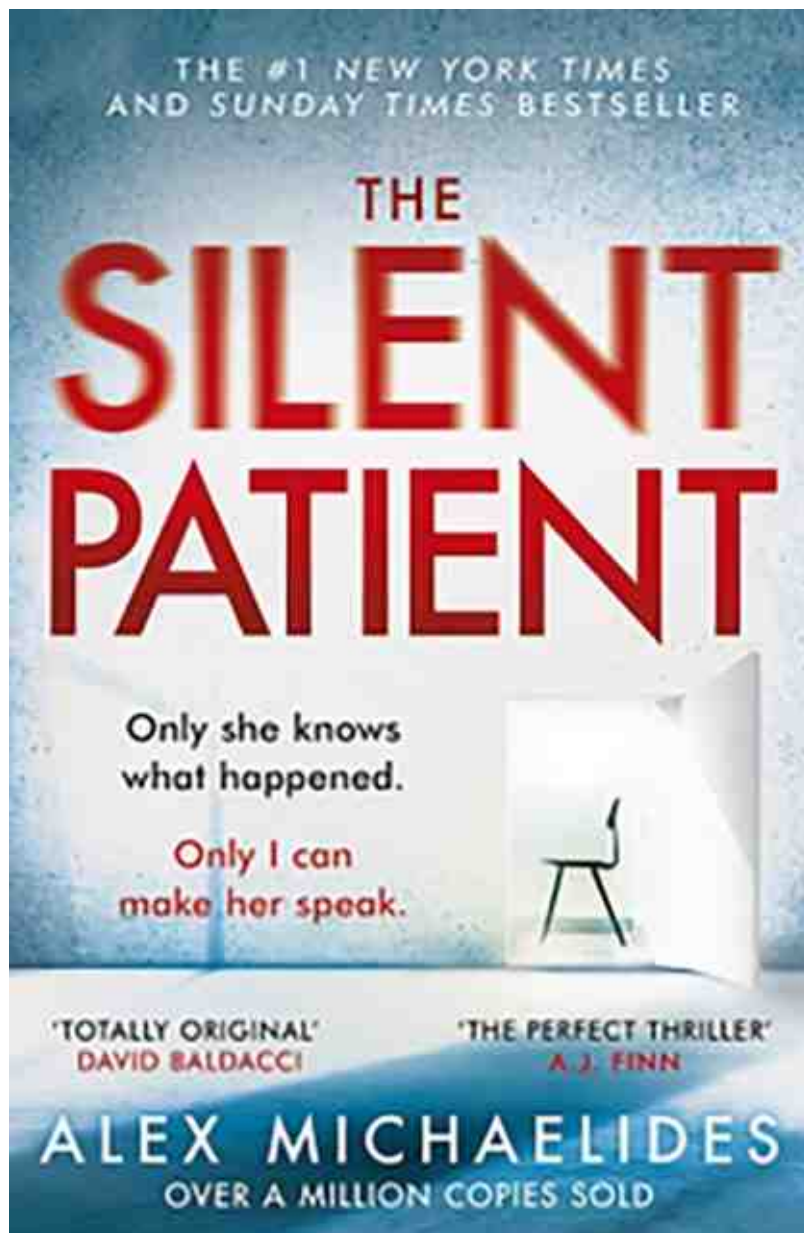
2 The Family Upstairs (2019)



On her long awaited 25th birthday, Libby discovers that she will inherit a giant mansion that belonged to her birth-parents before she was adopted. Confused, but excited, she brings a reporter along on her quest to uncover the enigmatic history of her family and the dark secrets of this mansion, which has been vacant for 24 years. But their investigation quickly takes a turn for the worst: it seems like Libby was not the only one excited about her 25th birthday, and it seems like a certain group of people has been waiting for her to arrive.

Lisa Jewells delivered a seriously complex and uncommon narrative with “The Family Upstairs”, one that could possibly go to great lengths on television. The book is grounded in a dark and disturbing sense of realism, which makes everything feel even creepier when the secrets of the story are revealed, but it also thrives in the format of dual timelines, which allows us to see both the past and the present while the plot unravels.

1 The Silent Patient (2019)



Alicia Berenson, a famous painter from London, has the ideal life. A kind and generous soul, she is madly in love with her husband, she lives in her dream house, she has everything she could have possibly asked for. Everything is perfect, everyone is happy. But then, one night, Alicia's husband comes home after a long day at work...and Alicia shoots him five times in the face, before falling silent and never speaking another word to anybody ever again.

Theo Farber, a London criminal psychotherapist, becomes obsessed with Alicia's case, and makes his way to the Grove, a psychiatric institute where Alicia has been for six years, during which she has not spoken a single word. As he takes her as his patient and tries to uncover her motives for murdering her husband, Theo begins a twisted search for the truth that will take him down a dark path. A path that may or may not be driven by his own agenda.

Alex Michaelides' debut novel was widely praised by critics for its inventive narrative style (inspired by Agatha Christie), its dark tone and, most of all, its incredibly clever final twist that had people talking for months after the book's release in 2019. Reminiscent of "Gone Girl", the gritty atmosphere of this New York Times bestseller is perfectly suited for a movie adaptation, and we hope it happens sooner than later.

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Top 10 Really Good Things About 2020 (2020-10-27 11:52)

Let's face it: 2020 has been to years what "Cats" was to cinema: a costly, painful, interminably long disaster. And at least Cats featured the reassuring presence of Dame Judy Dench, albeit as a ridiculous, disturbing half-feline version of herself.

But before burying 2020 alongside Cats in history's letterbox, there are some bright spots to acknowledge amidst a mostly dark year. Here are ten positives to salvage from a year that can't end quickly enough.

[1]Top 10 Funny Coronavirus Lockdown Activities Around The World

10 Pet Adoptions Have Increased Dramatically



COVID-19 hasn't affected all species the same. For prospective pets, more housebound homo sapiens means more homes for in-need animals, particularly dogs and cats. The result is good news whose benefactors will long outlive the pandemic; in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the aptly-named Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary has seen a 30 % increase[2][1] in adoptions since the inception of coronavirus-caused lockdowns.

Similar success stories have played out throughout Europe and the UK and, in Australia, many shelters have been completely emptied,[3][2] creating months-long adoption waiting lists. While certainly inconvenient for home-confined

humans seeking a new four-legged family member, this is great news for cats and dogs finding good homes at unprecedented rates.

Dogs and cats are in such demand that even “imported” pets are being placed expediently. For example, The Sato Project,[4][3] which rescues strays from Puerto Rico’s notorious Dead Dog Beach, has upped the freight and frequency of its Freedom Flights to the US mainland, where dogs find their forever families. “Sato” is Spanish slang for “street dog” – and the shortage is great news for the hundreds of thousands of homeless dogs roaming the humid, tick-infested Caribbean island.

The pet industry also has surged, an economic bright spot during what for many sectors has been an incredibly tough year. Companies that supply pet products are seeing soaring sales for food, leashes, collars and – a nod to new puppy housebreaking – doggy diapers.[5][4]

9 Wild Animals are Faring as Well as Domesticated Ones



The next time 2020 gets you down, remember one thing: Wild humpback whales are gleefully singing off the coast of Alaska.

Each summer, coastal Alaska is visited by well over a million tourists, who whale watch and glacier gaze from countless cruise ships – which, for the record, were floating petri dishes[6][5] well before COVID-19. The annual inundation nearly triples the state’s population of about 750,000. Once the pandemic hit, that number effectively dropped to zero,[7][6] and scores of musically gifted humpbacks have written feel-good summer hits about their newfound peace.

“It’s the first time in human history that we’ve had the technological ability to listen to these whales in a meaningful way without us interfering,” said Dr Michelle Fournet, director of the Sound Science Research Collective.

Back on terra firma, many species are enjoying some long-limited elbow room. Just weeks into widespread lockdowns, sika deer began roaming outside their normal habitat in Nara, Japan, and wild turkeys started congregating in a park

in Oakland, California. Jackals in Tel Aviv, goats in Istanbul, and even a land-lubbin' sea lion^{[8]^[7]} near Buenos Aires have all reveled in our retreat from the landscape.

8 Eloping is Making a Comeback



One of 2020's crowning achievements has been the drastic, rapid decrease in conventional weddings. If there was one large gathering mainstay that seriously needed a disruptive force, it was weddings; it took the worst of circumstances to spare us all from the Best Man and Maid of Honor drunkenly bombing as you stare awkwardly from a table where you neither know anyone nor care to.

Many, if not most, people hate weddings,^{[9]^[8]} viewing nuptial invitations as embroidered harbingers of obligatory check-writing and boredom. Hell, even the bride and groom hate what the wedding does to them leading up to the big day, as a sacred event that should be about love is soured into an expensive, obsessive, neurotic chore.^{[10]^[9]}

2020 has given us the best excuse ever to (1) not plan large weddings and (2) not attend them. Just check the box on the RSVP marked "Sorry, I do not wish to die alone on a ventilator during your honeymoon." Safety first has put long-overdone mass matrimonial gatherings last – a refreshing reprioritizing.

A recent Wall Street Journal^{[11]^[10]} article discusses another COVID-related issue that trends toward eloping: what for many self-important engaged couples is some much-needed perspective. A couple featured in the piece canceled their 150-person ceremony to instead marry with no one other than their dog in attendance; before friends and family via FaceTime, they even served as their own officiants. "Amid a global pandemic," said the bride, "a lavish wedding really just didn't feel important anymore." Best. Wedding speech. Ever.

7 . . . And Divorces Are Rising, Too



From March through June 2020, the number of people seeking divorces was 34 percent higher^[12]^[11] compared to 2019. At first glance this is bad news, since ending a marriage is nobody's idea of fun.

As with nearly everything in 2020, a driving force is COVID-19. With couples cooped up for extended periods of time, some are realizing that the person they married isn't worth waiting for death to part ways with. Experts contend the combination of stress, unemployment, financial strain, illness and homeschooling children have placed significant strain on relationships

However, COVID isn't really the cause of divorce but rather a catalyst. Putting two people who don't really belong together in close quarters forces them to show each other their true colors. Without offices, friends and other buffers, mismatched marriages are revealed for what they are: pairings of two people better off alone.

Hardships bring two people truly meant to be together closer, not further apart. Most of the couples calling it COVID quits are only accelerating separation rather than having it foisted upon them – and in that context, it's better for people to recognize their failed marriage now than a decade from now, or perhaps never.

But what about the children? A prominent legal templates company^[13]^[12] found that, since the pandemic's inception, 45 % of divorcing couples had children under the age of 18. But per Wendy Paris, author of "Splitopia," staying together "for the kids"^[14]^[13] can be worse than divorcing despite them.

6 Mother Nature is Getting a Much-needed Respite



Mother Nature had been dropping hints lately that something wasn't quite right with our relationship. She tried increasing the frequency and severity of hurricanes^[15]^[14] in the Western Hemisphere and, in the Far East, choking off Beijing's residents for days at a time with putrid air conditions. Then she thought burning a significant portion of California to the ground might work. Yet, we persisted.

Finally, a winning strategy for Mother Nature: if mankind can't be trusted to roam the Earth responsibly, maybe humans should just go to their rooms. Our air travel, traffic jams and industrial waste have been confiscated and placed in Mrs. Nature's desk; if we're good, maybe we can have them back at the end of the school year.

With humans tucked away, Mother Nature has shown an incredible ability to bounce back^[16]^[15] from all the shit we pull under business-as-usual conditions. With social, economic, industrial and urbanization activity significantly diminished, the planet has maximized its long overdue time off with prodigious improvements to air quality, cleaner rivers and less noise pollution.

The uptick in air quality is arguably the biggest boon: the World Health Organization – trusted by every civilized nation save the United States – estimates that about three million people die each year^[17]^[16] from air pollution-related ailments, with 80 % of urban area residents regularly exposed to unsafe breathing conditions. Both Mother Nature and its inhabitants literally needed a breather, and 2020 has provided that.

[18]Top 10 Uplifting Virtual Performances To Brighten Your Quarantine

5 Real Estate Prices are Soaring



... and unlike the mid-2000s housing bubble[19]^[17] – which took the global economy with it when it burst – this time the spike in home prices is built on the sound economic science of supply and demand rather than suckers being hoodwinked with loans they can't repay.

The recent, stabler uptick in home prices is a result of (what else?) COVID-19. Well-to-do residents in affluent yet at-risk cities are fleeing to the suburbs amidst a protracted pandemic where elbow room has become a lifesaver rather than a mere luxury. The result is a boom in satellite neighborhoods like New Jersey and California's greater Bay Area. In East Orange, NJ – a town bordering Newark with a 20 % poverty rate and violent crime 35 % above the national average – a home listed at \$285,000 had 24 offers[20]^[18] and sold for well north of \$300,000.

Denver, Chicago, Houston – all seeing significant bumps in mortgage applications[21]^[19] for suburban homes, leaving many longstanding, struggling middle-class families literally sitting in equity they didn't have prior to 2020. The trend is just as prevalent in major metro areas outside the US, including London, Paris[22]^[20] and Tokyo.

For once, a housing bubble has a Robin Hood-esque wrinkle to it: the less affluent are profiting from largely wealthy buyers happy to pay a premium to escape crowded, potentially contagious cities. And one of the good news items that's making it possible is this list's next entry.

4 We've Proven Working From Home Works



Any office worker with a hellish commute – which, leading into 2020, described an ever-increasing number of us^{[23][21]} – has begrudgingly grumbled to themselves some version of “couldn’t I do this sh*t from home?” For many, a commute’s as-the-crow-flies length was absurdly irrelevant to the hassle and time needed to traverse it. In northern New Jersey, for example, despite clusters of towns within 15 miles of New York City, the commute to Manhattan’s business districts often takes well over an hour; each month, that means an extra workweek’s worth of time – some 40 hours – trekking to and from the office.

Why couldn’t we work from home? Mostly because managers didn’t trust employees not to slack off. But with the advent of COVID-19, working from home went from a seldom-permitted luxury to an all-permeating safety necessity. Seemingly overnight, the vast majority of those capable of making a living from our laptops were doing just that.

Despite fears that conventional commuters would go from working hard to hardly working, this grand workforce experiment has been largely successful. In fact, businesses have seen unexpected benefits^{[24][22]} of work-from-home arrangements, including higher meeting participation and improved managerial attentiveness.

Even before COVID, research showed that remote workers are often more productive than their commuting counterparts. Among other reasons, the time work-from-home employees are spared from cars, buses and subways is parlayed into more labor: one study reported that the extra time at-home employees put in amounts to, on average, an extra 1.4 workdays per month.^{[25][23]}

3 We’re Reading More Books

It took long-term, wide-scale lockdowns to get us there, but 2020 has seen a healthy surge in book reading. For those unfamiliar, books are like the Internet but printed out, placed on paper and bound together. Pages are typically numbered for your convenience – no scrolling or clicking required.

A survey of 1,000 Brits found that time spent reading books has nearly doubled,[26]^[24] with 41 % reporting reading more and only 10 % less. On average, their weekly reading expanded from 3½ hours per week to about six.

More than half of respondents reported reading more because they had more spare time, with 35 % citing books as providing “an escape from the crisis.” Aligning with this sentiment is a shift in genre preference, with crime novels and thrillers outpacing dystopian fiction and pandemic-centric nonfiction.

Even early in lockdowns, it was clear book sales were surging. MarketWatch reported upticks in everything from outdoor survival skills tomes to literary classics like “The Great Gatsby”.^[27]^[25] Kids are getting in on the act as well. In addition to an expected increase in academic workbooks and at-home teaching aids, juvenile fiction saw an incredible 65 % spike from late February through mid-April, roughly the first six weeks of lockdown.

2 2020 Has Prioritized Facts Over Feelings



Many a snowflake has melted in 2020. And it was about time.

In a world run amok with safe spaces and participation trophies, 2020 has offered neither, with a generous serving of mankind’s marquee motivator – self-preservation – on the side. “These unprecedented times” have forced us to stop placating people’s feelings to spite our own well-being.

On an everyday basis (at least an everyday 2020 basis), that thought process goes something like this: “I’ve spent months holed up in my home, carefully protecting my own health and that of my loved ones. I’m not letting this moron ruin five months of prudence with five seconds of irresponsibility.”

In less than a year, COVID-19 has killed more than one million people.^[28]^[26] It is absolutely mind-boggling that some people still won’t wear masks or maintain social distance. It’s as if these people have been living on Mars since... oh, about December 2019 or so, and reentered Earth’s atmosphere shortly before coughing in someone’s face.

What this has done is force an overly coddled Western Civilization to cut the polite PC horseshit. Before 2020, people had become waaaaaaay too comfortable foisting their uber-niche needs onto mainstream society. 2020 has replaced

pusillanimous trigger warnings on everything from historical monuments[29]^[27] to literary classics[30]^[28] with real-life issues actually worthy of triggering us – walking, wheezing disease vectors who believe, against all evidence, that the next pair of lungs hooked up to a hospital ventilator couldn't possibly be theirs.

1 Medical Science Is Meeting the Moment



The fastest a vaccine has been developed for a major disease is four years, when an inoculation against mumps[31]^[29] became available. Though 2020 seems... like... it's taking... FOREVER, the world is witnessing what will rank among the greatest feats in medical history: a vaccine for a lethal, globally pervasive disease in under half that time.

Granted, a vaccine certainly isn't weeks away, nor are we "rounding the corner"[32]^[30] (unless there's a cemetery around the block); on October 23, the US recorded 85,000 new COVID cases – its highest single-day total yet. But epidemiology is a painstaking process that takes not only drug development but controlled patient studies, manufacturing expedience and logistical nimbleness.

Considering this, it's amazing how close we are. Several pharmaceutical companies are in Phase Three – the final phase comprising large-scale, placebo-comparative testing – of their clinical studies, and are actually manufacturing the drugs should they gain approval. The prospective vaccine from Johnson & Johnson,[33]^[31] which is resuming Phase Three after an adverse side effect couldn't be linked to the drug, shows particular promise, as it can be administered in a single dose and, logistically, doesn't need to be ultra-cold throughout the supply chain.

Meanwhile, the industry is ready to hit the ground running once major government health organizations approve a vaccine. Pharma companies worldwide have reconfigured equipment and invested in infrastructure to produce, inspect and ship the billions of necessary doses to get planet Earth back to some semblance of normal. For as much harm as they've caused – we're looking at you, opioid crisis instigator Purdue Pharma[34]^[32] – 2020 has seen big pharma act competently, responsibly and even altruistically.

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Top 10 Synthwave Albums Of All Time (2020-10-27 12:02)

“AKUMA II” (2019) by Tokyo Rose & ALEX

Tokyo Rose and ALEX are quite an impressive team. Having worked together on multiple projects (outside of their solo outings), including two full albums, the pair has more than once proven themselves to be two of the most accomplished artists in the Synthwave universe. That said, out of their entire body of work to date, it is their second team-up album “AKUMA II” (the follow-up to 2017’s “AKUMA”) that solidified them as all-time greats.

From its very first single “Affliction”, released with a stunning animated music video, “AKUMA II” immediately let people know that it was raising the bar to new heights, and fans were in total shock. The Darksynth album is strong, sinister and as bad-ass as you could expect a Tokyo Rose & ALEX album to be, and their impeccable production work made it one of the few Synthwave albums to ever chart on Billboard. “AKUMA II” is an absolute banger, and that undoubtedly deserves its place in the Synthwave hall of fame.

9 “Galactic Melt” (2011) by Com Truise

American producer Seth Haley (A.K.A Com Truise) is a true legend of Synthwave, and some would even argue that he is one of the essential pioneers of the genre’s current incarnation. He has been around for the better part of a decade now, but nothing has proven his ultimate OG status more than his groundbreaking 2011 debut album “Galactic Melt”.

The soft, dreamy and groovy style of this album is, in the eyes of many, a masterpiece that could entirely be credited for the rise of the popular sub-genre known as Chillwave. Com Truise delivered a unique album composed of incredibly clever and complex melodies, genius sound design, and an overall vibe that was unheard of at the time. His following albums have all been successes of their own, but nothing can beat the raw mastery of “Galactic Melt”.

8 “Night Drive” (2018) by Timecop1983

Any Synthwave enthusiast, old or new, has heard the name Timecop1983 before. And if they haven’t, they have at least heard his music before, without being aware that it was him. After all, the Dutch producer has given us some of the genre’s biggest go-to hits of ever made, most of which are tracks from his 2018 album “Night Drive”.

And it’s not like “Night Drive” was a breakout hit for Timecop1983 — he was already one of the biggest stars amongst the community, but it was definitely the album that made people understand that no one was going to take his throne anytime soon. His talent and his mind-blowing ability to capture the atmosphere and aesthetic of the 80’s through his incredible productions is unparalleled, and he definitely brings the “retro” in the term Retro Wave.

7 “Sleepwalking” (2018) by NINA

Nina Boldt, better known as NINA (or the Mother of Synthians), is definitely one of the top muses of the Synthwave world. A powerful presence with a vibrant creativity, she is not afraid to change things up, and she has done an amazing job at developing a sound with a very strong identity, which she showed off in quite an efficient way in “Sleepwalking”, her 2018 fan favorite debut.

The German singer-songwriter shocked everyone with a genuinely brilliant first album, full of now iconic hits like “Beyond Memory”, or the title track “Sleepwalking”, which was praised for its amazing vocal work and breathtaking music video. The neat production style found in “Sleepwalking” has definitely become a bit of a signature for NINA, and her music has largely proven to be some of the greatest and most beloved Synthwave out there.

6 “Neon West” (2019) by Wayfloe

As far as Synthwave goes, it is safe to affirm that Wayfloe, the mysterious duo from Canada, is slowly turning into royalty. Their unique artistic universe has a highly unpredictable nature, and a sound beyond anything the genre has ever known. In a few words, Wayfloe have developed their own style, and their debut album “Neon West” is an

artistic triumph that nobody saw coming. From its very first notes, the album immediately confirmed the duo's status in the community.

Wayfloe are one of the few entities that are versatile enough to incorporate a variety of music genres in their Synthwave based sounds. Whether it's Hip-Hop, Rock, Electro or Pop, their ability to add their own spin on any genre is unlike anything we've ever seen before. They are not afraid to experiment, and they make every single song something truly special. MixMag reported in 2020 that their second album (titled "Celestials") is officially on the way, and needless to say, we are waiting for it with impatience.[1][1]

[2]Top 10 Bizarre Musical Genres That You Need In Your Life

5 "Hurry Up, We're Dreaming" (2011) by M83

Anthony Gonzalez, more commonly known as M83, is a true prodigy that has been around for quite a while. He has a style that differs from any other artist in the Synthwave world, and it has proven so successful that he was able to branch out into massive projects. Between making the official soundtrack of the 2013 Tom Cruise film "Oblivion", and composing an entire score for the Cirque Du Soleil's 2017 show "Volta", it seems like there is nothing M83 cannot do. And his 2011 album "Hurry Up, We're Dreaming" is probably the biggest example of Anthony's endless imagination.

This album is a work of wonder that took the entire world by storm, mainly thanks to his timeless classic "Midnight City", which has since become the single most famous Synthpop song of all time. The highly cinematic aspect of his music is what makes it stand out, as M83 manages to seamlessly blend a colossal variety of genres to create something that feels out of this world. "Hurry Up, We're Dreaming" is not only one of the best Synthwave albums ever made. It is easily one of its most unique.

4 "Love Is Dead" (2018) by CHVRCHES

The endearing sub-genre known as Synthpop has had quite the reinvention in the past decade. And no one in this current era has mastered the "retro yet modern" art of Synthpop better than UK-based band CHVRCHES. Lauren Mayberry and her band mates have had such a monumental impact on the genre in the last few years, they have become the face of Synthpop in the eyes of the world. And it is all thanks to their third album "Love Is Dead".

This fun, energetic and quirky album has met a level of success that has yet to be equaled in the Synthwave world.

With some of its songs having been streamed over 100 million times on Spotify alone, "Love Is Dead" is actually the genre's biggest album ever made in terms of pure numbers. It is a true work of art that will go down in History as a pillar of modern Synthpop.

3 "Endless Summer" (2016) by The Midnight

The Midnight is probably the most well-known Synthwave entity when it comes to mainstream audiences. The American/Danish duo has become king of the genre over the years, and few Synthwave artists have as much recognition as them. Many of their songs are undeniable classics, and a majority of them are from their 2016 album "Endless Summer".

A highly respected body of work, "Endless Summer" is an essential of Synthwave culture that redefined the genre's standards in terms of style and quality. With songs like "Sunset" and "The Comeback Kid", the album is a real love letter to the 80's and its very particular aesthetic. The Midnight is one of the few Synthwave entities to have charted on Billboard, and "Endless Summer" definitely paved the way for more artists to do so.

2 "Tron: Legacy" (2010) by Daft Punk

Synthwave is a music genre that is very cinematic by nature, so it is no surprise that one of the greatest Synthwave albums ever made is an actual movie soundtrack. It is also no surprise that Daft Punk is behind yet another one of the greatest albums of all time. Go figure.

Disney's "Tron: Legacy", the sequel to the 1982 cult classic "Tron", was released in theaters in December 2010, along with its unbelievable soundtrack from the robots of Paris. The instrumental album is a cinematic and groovy trip in the futuristic world of Tron, and it greatly contributed to the popularization of the Synthwave genre with general audiences, especially with the now legendary banger "Derezzed".

Disney has recently announced that a new Tron, film starring Jared Leto, is in development at Disney, and while there has been no official announcement about Daft Punk's possible return for a brand new soundtrack, our fingers remain crossed, and fans are hopeful. After all, the Tron franchise has become synonymous with Daft Punk, and it is all thanks to the timeless piece of art they have given us with the "Tron: Legacy" soundtrack.[3][2]

1 "OutRun" (2013) by Kavinsky

To be perfectly clear, no list addressing the best of the best in the Synthwave genre would ever be complete without Kavinsky making an appearance. He is the definitive god of Synthwave, and the vast majority of artists that are re-defining the genre today were inspired by his work. And if you ever need an explanation as of why... the answer is "OutRun".

A powerful and inventive body of work, "OutRun" is a masterpiece in every imaginable way. Every single song in the album is considered to be a classic of the genre, with the legendary "Nightcall" being widely regarded as the single greatest Synthwave track of all time. And if you have seen the 2011 movie "Drive" (starring Ryan Gosling), it is not difficult to see why.

To this day, "OutRun" is Kavinsky's latest outing. But it seems like there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel, as the French producer officially confirmed via Instagram in 2020 that a new album is on the way, and that we should expect it this year. This return will mark the end of a 7 year long hiatus that has definitely left fans hungry for more music.[4][3]

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Kamala Accused of Pushing Leninism in New Video (2020-10-31 11:12)

Just hours remaining before Americans head to the polls, vice presidential candidate Kamala Harris tweeted a video appearing to promote equality of result over equality of opportunity.

The video depicts two people, one white and one black, beginning to climb a hill. While the white character starts his climb from the ground, the black character starts his climb from underneath the ground. According to critical race theory, society is controlled by white supremacists and black people face systemic challenges due to their skin color.

"So there's a big difference between equality and equity," Harris lectures. "Equality suggests, 'Oh, everyone should get the same amount.' The problem with that, not everybody's starting out from the same place. So if we're all getting the same amount but you started out back there and I started out over here, we could get the same amount but you're still going to be that far back behind me. It's about giving people the resources and the support they need so that everyone can be on equal footing and then compete on equal footing."

Harris then argues that equitable treatment on the other hand would guarantee results and not just opportunity.

"Equitable treatment means we all end up at the same place," Harris concludes, as the video shows the two characters standing on the hill together.

Harris says we should all “end up at the same place.” Equality of outcome. This is full blown Marxism. Plain as day. [1]<https://t.co/URmPI1RnsN> — Matt Walsh (@MattWalshBlog) [2]November 2, 2020

It's not enough that everyone in America is guaranteed their God-given rights. What Harris is advocating for is the redistribution of wealth so that everyone gets the same tiny scrap of the pie. Capitalists like Trump bake and grow the pie. All people like Harris know how to do is cut the pie into thinner and thinner slices and complain when it's gone.

No wonder Harris has the most far-left [3]voting record in the U.S. Senate. She makes Bernie look like a moderate. And Kamala refers to the prospect of a Biden presidency as a [4]"Harris administration."

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It's Too Late for a Late Hit (2020-11-02 11:58)

So, what was the Democrat/media surprise late hit this weekend after this column went to bed? You know by now. It won't have been some anonymous latte-fetcher announcing his identity – that was last week. It won't have been that Donald Trump, who like every other creditor in history settled a dispute with his lenders. Also last week. It won't have been one of Trump's business associates, a whistleblowing veteran with a vaguely Slavic last name, going on national TV with the receipts showing his massive and corrupt contacts with America's enemies. That was Joe Biden, and you might have missed it if you only perused the mainstream media.

There'll be something, though, like in 2000 when the media sprung W's DUI on us during the final weekend. Back in those innocent days, getting hammered and hitting the road was disqualifying. That's so quaint. Today, you can get a DUI and flee the scene and be a furry and have a stupid nickname like “Beto” and still be a primary candidate.

There'll be something, and it will be a lie, and the Twitter blue checks will be back with the same “THE WALLS ARE CLOSING IN!” nonsense with which they have disgraced themselves for the last five years. But you know what?

It won't matter.

They could drop purported footage of Trump punting puppies off the Brooklyn Bridge and we wouldn't believe it. Is that because we are members of Cult 45? Is that because we are immune to reason? Is that because we conservatives hate puppies? Well, we do hate communist puppies and strongly support their punting, but that's not the point. The point is that the mainstream media has cried Wolf Blitzer one too many times.

We won't believe anything they tell us.

Nothing.

You can totally fake stuff. If they can animate Joe Biden, they can pull anything off with CGI.

Similarly, we don't believe their manifestly fake polls, like the CNN/Weenis Strategies poll showing Grandpa

Badfinger at +37 that are such obviously awkward attempts to psyche us out and keep us from voting that Machiavelli would slap them for their embarrassingly inept attempts at manipulation. Since Trump alighted from his escalator in 2015, the mainstream media has taken any residual good will it might have had after decades of treating us like Nadler treats his boxers and set it on fire.

So, that's one reason the late hit, whatever it is, won't work. The second reason is of the Democrat's own making.

A whole Schiff-ton of the electorate has already voted. I did. I filled out my ballot straight GOP, like every American should, and turned it in a few days ago. The LA Registrar even sent me an email telling me it was received and would be counted (there's a bar code on the outside envelope that they scan), not that it matters since I live in Ted Lieu's district in California. The fact is that a lot of us have voted already, so no matter what the Dems dropped over the weekend there is only a limited number of people to affect. And most of those are conservatives, since the Dems were the ones pushing early voting. So many of us cons have been adamant that we are walking into a polling place on Election Day and voting then and there, and we don't care about the late hits.

So, by getting a lot of independents who might have been swayed by a late hit to have already cast their ballot, the Democrats have kind of neutered their favorite tactic.

Oh well.

In contrast, the Biden/Bobulinski thing went down awhile ago, and that particular October Surprise will have quite the effect despite the best efforts of the tech fascists and the garbage media to make sure that democracy dies in darkness.

So, all that really remains just idle curiosity about what the late hit was. They had to try something to take people's eyes off the 33 percent GDP. The NYT seems to have considered going with "Trump used depreciation rules to legally lower his taxable income," but dropped it in the face of widespread laughter. They tried the "COVID surge" last week and it hit the market, but dropping 800 points does not have investors leaping from the ledges the way they would have before the Dow Jones was above 26K. Maybe, after half-a-decade of lies, they ran out.

There is another possibility we need to consider.

What if the final October Surprise – or November 1st surprise – is about the Harris-Biden ticket?

Are there new shenanigans with Hoover and whoever that might come out? That guy is a bottomless well of embarrassment.

Is Oldfinger himself going to say something amazingly dumb again, like, "Why yes, I plan to destroy your careers by banning fossil fuels so the pagan climate weirdos in San Francisco will be happy?"

Is Harris going to be caught on film trying to dance again?

Who knows?

And who cares?

This election result is baked in.

Everyone knows Trump, and they either love him or hate him.

Everyone knows Biden, and they either tolerate him because they hate Trump, or prefer Trump because either they are conserva-woke or because the thought of voting for that desiccated old crustacean is too much to bear.

The late hit won't amount to much because America has decided. It's all about putting the ballots in the box now (and watching them being counted). So, get out there and vote, and get other patriots out there too.

Hey media, we got something you can late hit.

Harris Tweets Out Communist Propaganda (2020-11-02 13:49)

Back when Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden chose Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate, the media tried to claim she was a [1]moderate. In reality, she is the most progressive member of the U.S. Senate—even more so than Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. In case there were any doubts, she took the liberty of tweeting out communist propaganda less than 48 hours before Election Day.

In the short video, which is narrated by Harris, the California Democrat explains that “there’s a big difference between equality and equity.”

“Equality suggests, ‘Oh, everyone should get the same amount.’ The problem with that, not everybody’s starting out from the same place. So if we’re all getting the same amount, but you started out back there and I started out over here—we could get the same amount, but you’re still going to be that far back behind me.”

She continued: “It’s about giving people the resources and the support they need, so that everyone can be on equal footing and then compete on equal footing.”

Equitable treatment, she said, is that everyone ends up “at the same place.”

And this is a Biden-Harris 2020 ad.

There’s a big difference between equality and equity. [2]pic.twitter.com/n3XfQyjLNe — Kamala Harris (@KamalaHarris) [3]November 1, 2020

Many responded by calling out the video for exactly what it is: communist propaganda.

So she’s openly making the argument that inequality of outcome is in and of itself inequity. Which is called communism. [4]<https://t.co/IJ5OKJwpOw> — Ben Shapiro (@benshapiro) [5]November 2, 2020

The false promise of the left, in 1 minute. Start out with a well-intentioned point on equality of opportunity, only to end it with the true Marxist intent: equity in outcomes.

They leave out the part where equity must be enforced with unequal -and tyrannical- treatment. [6]<https://t.co/Hflv16okCo> — Dan Crenshaw (@DanCrenshawTX) [7]November 2, 2020

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Why are careers in information technology unfulfilling? (2020-11-07 11:53)

I hate working in tech

I know this may sound dramatic, but it's true. I hate working in tech. While the tech world seems to be a boundless, relatively uncharted territory for creation and problem-solving, my personal experience working within it led to see that it is almost the exact opposite. IT lacks the freedom and sociability I crave. The framework most developers are forced to work within is highly limited and impersonal. While having to perform highly robotic and mind numbing functions for the bulk of the work day, I found myself losing sight and understanding of basic human qualities and how to think more creatively.

Not only that, the majority of my challenges were caused by the fact that tech is constantly breaking and/or versioning. The smallest thing can be coded incorrectly or be out-of-date, and the entire system will breakdown. Having to identify the error and provide solutions to a group of people who for the most part have no foundational knowledge of IT is very labor intensive, stress inducing and serve a major time suck.

What does an information technology person do?

As the U.S. and the rest of the world become more reliant on a digital economy, there is an increasing demand for talent that specializes in technology. Despite these radical changes in the way the world operates, many people in tech have a way less glamorous life while working to support these technological efforts. They would not consider

themselves a part of the lofty “innovation sector” that I was once very attracted to. Rather your average IT person is thinking in basic 0's and 1's and trying to help anachronistic systems communicate better and more efficiently.

These roles could fall into any of the following categories: software development, computer system analysis, IT security, web development, network architecture, IT management, database administration and support. While there are a few other categories that exist, much of the foundation of these jobs are built on what I'd call “basic computing” functions which in my opinion can be pretty boring stuff.

Information Technology isn't about people

The large majority of us humans feed on the enthusiasm and interaction with people. Even the most introverted among us need people in our lives to feel like we're connected. People enable very organic relationships that most of us intuitively understand. With people, we aren't dealing with the 1s and 0s of computer languages where every damn decision is computationally determined based on a series of predetermined variables that aren't governed by emotion or external factors. Computers aren't organic.

Careers in information technology and software development are about *systems*, not people. We work with inanimate objects. Machines. We don't get to converse with them and establish relationships like we do with people. It's just code, or hardware, or networks, or machinery. So impersonal. We don't get to “change a computer's life” like we could with another human being.

Connections like those simply do not exist in technology very often, and that absence of an organic relationship while working at various tech companies can, over time, begin to drain our sense of purpose. All we do is work with machines. Dumb terminals. And at the most basic level, they are all pretty much exactly the same. Over time, this



becomes relentlessly tedious.

Information Technology is full of stress and pressure

Technology is everywhere. We depend on it in virtually every facet of our lives, and when it works, it's great. Everything seems to be tied into “the system”. All things are connected. Cities can monitor every stop light through a series of cameras accessed from a central location. Internet providers can pinpoint sources of congestion and bottlenecks through sophisticated network monitoring apps. Schools use technology to connect students to the world outside. Businesses rely on technology for their livelihoods.

When everything works, life is good. But, **almost nothing *always* works in information technology**. Tech systems are connected in weird and complicated ways. Variables change. Insanely tight deadlines encourage even the most knowledgeable or talented software engineer to cut corners. And, people interact with systems in ways that we didn't (or couldn't) anticipate. In some cases, hackers and other nefarious entities intentionally screw with the systems that we've put together. In other words, things go wrong...all the time.

Here's the larger problem: When our entire world runs on the collective hum of technology, problems are instantly magnified. Businesses lose money every second that the network is down (imagine if Visa couldn't process credit card transactions for 10 minutes - they'd lose millions). What if stop lights in your city suddenly went dark? Or the power grid collapses?

Technology problems have profound consequences, and those who work in information technology feel that pressure. Pressure leads to stress, and that stress builds over time. It becomes a nearly constant strain on our lives. And, those of us who work in tech support or have program management jobs feel it the most. Managers want to look good by keeping their systems operational and often put pressure on their staff to do *whatever it takes* to keep everything humming along.

We might be able to keep up with this pressure for a few years after landing a new job. Eventually, the pressure of technology begins to break us down. We fix one problem only so we can move on to another. Problem after problem, we keep churning through "the system", fixing this, enhancing that, developing a new cool feature that we hope never breaks. And around and around we go.



Tech salaries keep the golden handcuffs cinched tight

If information technology is so unfulfilling, why do so many people work those jobs? We work them primarily for the money. Tech jobs pay well. In fact, they **have to pay well** or most of us simply wouldn't do them.

We use those higher salaries to help ignore the stress of the job. We buy things to make us feel better and relax. Our expectations change over the years and we soon begin to depend on that money to fund our lifestyles that become more and more expensive as we earn more and more money.

The golden handcuffs keep us working stressful IT jobs because the alternatives seem dire. If we bring in \$150,000 a year working a highly stressful tech job at Amazon, there aren't many who would entertain a \$75,000 accounting job at a local firm, even if that job is far less stressful.

We want the money, and our careers in technology keep us wanting that money. It happened to me. It happens to a lot of us.

The longer we work unfulfilling jobs, the more frustrated we become. Until, one day, something finally breaks and we just can't take it any longer. We decide on another path. Maybe a different career. Or, at least in my case, that path was early retirement from full-time work.

Technology jobs can suck because...

It comes down to three primary factors: Technology jobs are about machines, not people. Those jobs are typically highly stressful and pressure-packed because our entire society relies on those systems working harmoniously together. And lastly, money keeps so many of us working jobs that we don't enjoy. Pulling the plug on lucrative careers can be tough.

Too tough for many of us.

Sometimes, society can dismiss a lot of early retirement talk by chalking it up to highly paid tech workers. "So, Steve made a ton of money in technology and then retired early? Yeah, just like every other early retiree. Go figure!"

The reality is it's a lot harder to escape highly paid jobs than people realize. After all, this is what we've all worked so hard to achieve. We all want a high paying job, right? Once we have them, it's tough to give them up!

All that work we put into getting our college degrees (and racking up student loans), reading books, working incredibly long hours, putting up with insanely complicated layers of management that expect miracles...all that finally comes together into a highly-paid job that probably comes attached with "success".

To give all that up - even with a lot of money in the bank, isn't easy. Though high incomes can make it easier to retire early, they also make it tougher for many of us to stomach the stark difference in cash flow. To go from \$150 Gs a year to zero (minus capital gains, of course)?

Don't take that for granted. Believe it or not, it's much easier said than done.

Why I left information technology

To further substantiate why I want to leave the world of tech, I'd like to share more in my experience and the positive upshots of my vocational departure.

First, I was experiencing an overwhelming amount of stress for the majority of my waking life. My day-to-day was spent fighting a multitude of uphill battles where I was committed to insane deadlines to fix or troubleshoot problems that affected tons and tons of people. It's nice not having that kind of pressure anymore.

My work-life balance was also very much partial towards the work side of the paradox. I wanted to be able to focus on activities I actually enjoyed doing like exploring nature and photography, and be able to spend more time with my family.

And lastly, the subject matter of my work became extremely drab. I was no longer excited by 0s and 1s. I wanted to free myself to explore ideas and concepts that were not bound purely to binary systems. I can now think more out-of-the-box as I am less confined to a prescriptive set of code.

Clyburn Believes the 'Integrity' of Our 'Democracy' Can Be Saved... By the GOP (2020-11-08 11:58)

House Majority Whip James Clyburn (D-SC) on Sunday called for President Donald Trump to concede to former Vice President Joe Biden. According to Clyburn, the Republican Party has a responsibility to get Trump to accept the election's results, despite a number of lawsuits that are currently being litigated.

"I think Trump should concede but I also think that the Republican Party has a responsibility here. This country is bigger than any one person. This democracy is teetering, as he called it, an 'inflection point.' We are in a very dire set of consequences here and we better get ahold of ourselves and this country and stop catering to [the] whims of one person," Clyburn explained on CNN's "State of the Union."

"It doesn't matter to me whether or not he concedes. What matters to me is whether or not the Republican

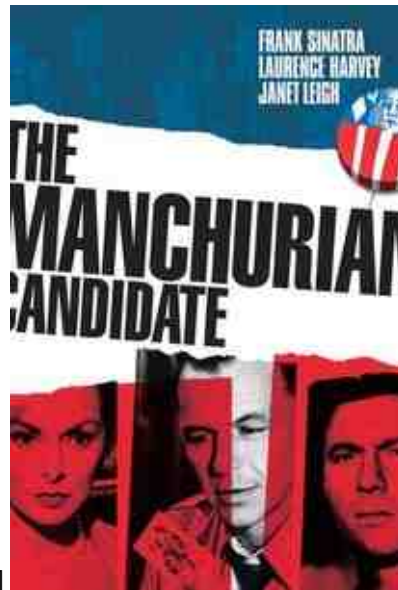
Party will step up and help us preserve the integrity of this democracy," he said.

Clyburn then went on to mention Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"I don't understand how Republicans can allow Putin to dictate the fortunes of this country. And that's what's happening," he said.

House Majority Whip James Clyburn: "I think Trump should concede but I also think that the Republican Party has a responsibility here ... what matters to me is whether or not the Republican Party will step up and help us preserve the integrity of this democracy" #CNNSOTU pic.twitter.com/I9j6VQruC4

— CNN Politics (@CNNPolitics) November 8, 2020



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What does Vladimir Putin have to do with anything? Didn't Democrats learn anything about making these Russia claims? They had an entire investigation about supposed Russia collusion. Special Counsel Robert Mueller eventually revealed no collusion took place.

For whatever reason Democrats can't seem to fathom why Republicans have so many questions about the results of this election. Ballot glitches and concerns, poll watchers not being able to observe, dead people are allegedly voting, The list goes on and on.

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The Democrats' Guide to Losing Gracefully (2020-11-11 17:59)

Here are the times Democrats have conceded a presidential election with grace and dignity:

OK, now on to my column.

I hope someone is recording the media's demands that Trump supporters *ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION!* inasmuch as the Democrats refuse to accept the results of *any* presidential election they lose, unless it's a landslide, and sometimes even then.

After George W. Bush won the 2000 election — despite the media depressing Bush turnout in Florida by calling the state for Gore when polls were still open in the conservative panhandle — Gore contested the election until Dec. 13, the day after the Supreme Court called off the endless recounts (in only certain Florida counties) demanded by Gore.

The night of the court's ruling, Laurence Tribe, the Harvard law professor who'd argued one of Gore's cases before the court, and Ed Rendell, general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, went on TV and said it was time for Gore to concede.

Both were immediately [1]attacked by their fellow Democrats and forced to retract their statements. Gore's deputy campaign manager, Mark Fabiani, for example, told The New York Times that Rendell "seems to be more interested in getting his mug on TV than in loyalty."

The next day, Gore conceded, telling his supporters he had "congratulated him on [2]becoming the 43rd president of the United States," adding, "while I strongly disagree with the court's decision, I accept it."

[3]CARTOONS | [4]Lisa Benson

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But that still wasn't the end of it! Weeks later, the [6]Congressional Black Caucus tried to prevent congressional certification of the Electoral College for Bush, raising objection after objection on the House floor.

Over the course of the next year, the Florida ballots were painstakingly recounted by an independent investigative firm at a cost of nearly a million dollars, paid for by the same media outlets currently telling you to shut up and accept the results — including The New York Times, CNN, The Washington Post and the Associated Press, along with several others.

The year-long, million-dollar recount led to this shocking conclusion: Bush still [7]won. As the Times put it, contrary to the claims of Gore partisans, "the United States Supreme Court did not award an election to Mr. Bush that otherwise would have been won by Mr. Gore."

And yet, *to this day*, Democrats claim Bush was "selected, not elected," as so wittily put by Hillary Clinton.

Hillary was still harping on Bush's stolen election when she ran for president in the 2008 cycle. At a 2007 primary presidential debate, she delighted the Democratic audience by remarking, "Well, I think it is a problem that Bush was elected in 2000. (APPLAUSE) I actually thought [8]somebody else was elected in that election, but ... (APPLAUSE)."

At a subsequent primary debate in 2008, Hillary said that she and President Clinton had been making great progress "until, unfortunately, the Supreme Court [9]handed the presidency to George Bush."

In 2006, Michael Kinsley claimed in The New York Times that the 2000 election was "[10]actually stolen."

And so on.

When Bush was reelected in 2004, Democrats again refused to accept the results of the election, and again attempted to block Congress' counting of electoral votes, this time with the connivance of Sen. Barbara [11]Boxer.

Their smoking gun? *The election results in Ohio didn't match the exit polls!* If that's not enough proof for you, and I can't imagine why it wouldn't be, the voting machines were manufactured by Diebold, and Diebold's CEO was a Bush supporter. Yes, apparently, the voting machines in Ohio were rigged to flip votes for Kerry to Bush.

This crackpot theory was pushed assiduously by Vanity Fair (Michael [12]Shnayerson in the April 2004 issue, and Christopher [13]Hitchens in the March 2005 issue), Rolling Stone magazine (Robert F. Kennedy Jr., June 15, 2006), and in books: John Conyers' "What Went Wrong in Ohio" — introduction by Gore Vidal — and "Was the 2004 Presidential Election Stolen?" by Steven F. Freeman and Joel Bleifuss. (You'll have to read it to find out!)

I haven't even mentioned the craziest of the Democrat media complex's attacks on the results of an election: Reagan's 489-49 electoral landslide against Jimmy Carter in 1980. (Stay tuned!)

Election results, according to Democrats:

- 1960: Kennedy wins a razor-thin victory after a surprisingly high turnout of dead voters in Texas and Illinois — FAIR ELECTION, CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!!
- 1964: Landslide election for Lyndon Johnson — FAIR ELECTION, CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!!
- 1968: Nixon won with his racist (and mythical) “Southern strategy.”
- 1972: Nixon landslide — no provable cheating.
- 1976: Carter won — FAIR ELECTION, CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!!
- 1980: Reagan won by traitorously colluding with Iran to prevent the release of American hostages before the election!
- 1984: Reagan landslide — no provable cheating.
- 1988: Bush 41 won in a landslide because of his racist Willie Horton ads.
- 1992: Clinton won with 43 % of the vote — FAIR ELECTION, CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!!
- 1996: Clinton won with 49 % of the vote — FAIR ELECTION, CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!!
- 2000: Bush 43 was “selected, not elected” after the Supreme Court stole it for him.
- 2004: Bush won because of Diebold hacking the voting machines in Ohio.
- 2008: Obama won — FAIR ELECTION, CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!!
- 2012: Obama won — FAIR ELECTION, CLEAN AS A WHISTLE!!
- 2016: Trump won after colluding with Russia to persuade them to purchase \$200,000 in Facebook ads.

If that's how we're supposed to “accept the results of the election,” then WOW — game on!

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It Looks Like House Democrats Retain Majority, But Pelosi May Have to Give Up the Speaker's Gavel (2020-11-11 18:40)

Here we go. We have drama over the Speaker of the House again. Yes, it's fun to ponder who will wrest the gavel away from Speaker Pelosi, but there's always a lot of hype and then a rather anti-climactic ending that usually ends with the California liberal keeping her residency in that office.

House Democrats did not have the best election cycle. The so-called experts said they were on track to gain 10-15 seats. They ended up losing races. Conservative women dominated. Period. [1]Reagan noted that earlier this week and [2]Katie wrote about the latest round of Republican pick-ups. The House Democratic majority has been whittled down. Can the GOP retake the House? It doesn't look that way, as some have already said the Democrats will retain the majority, albeit a very slim one. And remember there are 20 or so moderate Democrats who really cannot get on board with the more far-left and insane elements that are [3]peddled by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her squad.

House Republican Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) said that a) Pelosi doesn't have the votes to keep her gavel, and b) the GOP could steer the ship in the lower chamber with the help of those moderate Democrats in vulnerable districts (via [4]Newsweek):

BREAKING: [5]@GOPLeader says Nancy Pelosi does not have the votes to remain as Speaker of the House.
— Blair Brandt (@BlairBrandt) [6]November 10, 2020

The House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy said the Republican Party could "control the floor" of the House if a small number of Democrats were to join them on votes after the party gained seats in the lower chamber on Election Day.

Appearing on Fox News on Sunday, the California representative added that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi could lose her role if 10 of the 15 Democrats who voted against her bid in January 2019 did so again at the start of next year.

He also warned that "internal fights" in the Democratic Party were emerging after the party failed to build on its House majority despite President-Elect Joe Biden's victory in the presidential contest.

[...]

"If those 10 vote against her again, she will not be speaker of the House, because she won't have 218 because of the gains of the Republicans. We are close enough now that we can control the floor with a few Democrats joining with us."

Bold prediction. But we've heard these tales before about internal issues between Pelosi and her caucus and every time they always back her. The latest challenge to her speakership in the elections fizzled quickly. And she'll remain in a strong position to get the votes needed. After all, a good share of the House Democratic majority hails from three very liberal states, California, New York, and Massachusetts. We'll see what happens. For now, let's focus on making sure every legal vote is counted in the 2020 election. And let's prepare for the Georgia runoffs.

Biden calls Pelosi the "minority leader in the House" — Henry Rodgers (@henryrodgersdc) [7]November 10, 2020

Joe Biden refers to Pelosi by the position she held when he was VP, because his brain is stuck in the past! [8]<https://t.co/vzyJVLvtE8> — Trump War Room - Text TRUMP to 88022 (@TrumpWarRoom) [9]November 10, 2020

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Trump to GOP Senator on 2020 Race: If It Doesn't Work Out, I'll Just Run Again in Four Years (2020-11-17 16:44)

Look, folks—I know some of you don't like when I mention that the Trump campaign is in 'hail Mary' territory here on this drive that is the 2020 election, but it's the truth. Yes, the allegations of voter fraud are numerous, but the legal challenges are not a sure bet. Every legal vote should be counted, but if Trump falls short on both fronts—it's over. I hate it. Trump sure hates it, but that's the nature of elections. You cannot win them all. Regardless, I hope for the best and will remain a Trump Republican, but even the president seems to know that there's a possibility he could lose.

Still, Trumpism isn't going away. And Donald Trump remains the dominant force in the GOP. The Never Trump wing will never win. They're too few and most have already become Democrats, so when 2024 rolls around, don't be shocked if Donald Trump runs again. Grover Cleveland lives! Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND) spoke with the president last week, where Trump admitted that losing is a possibility. No matter, he's just run again in four years, he said to the North Dakota Republican (via Politico) [emphasis mine]:

Kevin Cramer called Donald Trump last week to convey his support for the president's efforts to contest the election results when Trump dropped a casual aside that snapped the North Dakota senator to attention.

"If this doesn't work out, I'll just run again in four years," Trump said.

Cramer could only chuckle at the president musing about the next presidential race while he's still in office. But to the lineup of Republican hopefuls with their eyes on becoming the GOP's post-Trump standard bearer, the president's remark was no laughing matter.

While Trump's loss was supposed to trigger a Republican Party reset, his flirtation with a 2024 bid ensures he'll remain the dominant force in the party and cast a shadow over anyone looking to succeed him. Even the possibility of Trump running again will impede other Republicans from laying groundwork for their own bids — lest they upset Trump and his tens of millions of supporters, many of whom are convinced the election was stolen.

Those who've worked for Trump — Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley — are in perhaps the toughest spot of all. Each would have to maneuver around the soon-to-be-former president after spending the last four years aligning themselves with him.

But some argue the three would benefit from the president freezing the 2024 field. Pence, Pompeo and Haley have used their roles in the administration to establish national profiles, build donor networks and deepen their ties to conservative activists. In the event Trump eventually decides not to run, they would start out a primary with advantages over others who are further behind organizationally.

Yet, the writing is on the wall here. If Trump fails to secure a second term in 2020, he'll run again in 2024 and his mere announcement around that time is the end of the 2024 GOP primaries. The man commands the base. Period. Yes, I like Nikki Haley. I think she could be president, sure. But if Trump runs again after all else has failed this cycle—count me in for a 2024 rematch.

Hey Conservative Billionaires, Step Up Already (2020-11-17 16:47)

The idea of complaining about the people funding the conservative movement seems a bit odd, after all, they cut a lot of big checks. They fund think tanks and websites, the very heart of the conservative movement, and those organizations have done some great work in the past. The only problem is it's not the past anymore, and the old model no longer works. The people funding the left have out-flanked the right, and it is long past time for the right to catch up.

Yes, it was a good year for Republican House candidates, and depending on how Georgia goes, it could be a good year in the Senate too. It was also a good year for those of us who despise what the media has become – an appendage of the Democrat Party (you can pick whichever one you prefer to think of for it) – as Americans hold those left-wing, narcissistic blowhards in lower esteem than ever before. But there is a lot more work that needs to be done.

Take a look at any major Democrat-controlled city and what do you see? Aside from the crime and unemployment, or perhaps behind it, are local elected officials actively engaging in thwarting the law.

Leftist billionaires, led by George Soros, have bankrolled local political races, particularly for district attorneys and prosecutors, to fundamentally change the country locally. Winning Washington is great, but serious changes, and real damage, are happening across the country locally.

What good does passing laws to protect people do if the people charged with enforcing them refuse to do so? All the legislative victories in the world add up to nothing if they're ignored.

The difference between Democrat and Republicans is Democrats play the long con – they're out to get your bank account, your IRA, the title to your car, the deed to your house, they are working the system to get everything. Republicans play the short con – they're happy if they get your watch, and even if they don't they don't really care because they already have a watch.

Election day is not a finish line, it's a checkpoint. Democrats have understood this my entire life, Republicans never have. Republicans win or lose elections and go about their life like they're relieved the "stressful part" is over. Elected officials breathe a sigh of relief and donors go about their lives, waiting for the next fight to start in a couple years.

That needs to change, and change quickly, if conservatives are going to stand a fighting chance of protecting what makes American great.

Thinking has to be different. Democrats are entrenched in places that matter and they have to be chased out. As much attention needs to be paid to this micro level of politics and has been paid to the macro-DC world.

If conservatives are really looking for a way into these blue strongholds, this is the way. Thinking strategically, in places where these offices are partisan, and a Republican candidate is a non-starter, a conservative Democrat is better than a progressive one – think of them as the gateway drug to the concept of conservatism. Is it going to cost money? Yes. Will a lot of it be spent in losing races? You bet. But no first swing of an axe ever knocks down a tree, and you'll never change anything by not trying.

On that front, there are stories that CNN is possibly on the market. How amazing would it be if one or a group of these rich donors cutting checks to name fellowships and rooms after themselves at think tanks with endowments so big they could choke a horse, decided to put some money toward something that wasn't a vanity project, something that could have more impact on the country, and the world, than all the recycled ideas in papers rewritten by "experts" at those think tanks and read by no one ever, could.

Imagine CNN doing news again, actual news. Imagine removing that tool from the left's bag and placing it firmly on the side of honesty, something foreign to it currently. You don't need to reinvent the wheel, as some are proposing to do, when there's a wheel factory for sale. It just needs to be retooled.

There are countless options and opportunities available for those with the means and the will. Unfortunately, it takes both, and so few people have either, let alone both. Billionaire philanthropist and businessman Charles Koch,

someone who could do some of these things, is now lamenting his “partisanship,” which is wildly unproductive in pursuit of Koch’s lifelong political goals.

The right needs people uninterested in separating their business and political interests; people willing to meld the two. Preaching to the choir has its place, and small investments in vanity websites that otherwise wouldn’t exist are all well and good, but they aren’t anything close to difference-makers. There are markets and customers being underserved or ignored that are hungry for alternatives. In other words, there is money to be made while fighting for the cause. Of course, they’d have to be willing to step up, and step out front, to actually fight for the cause – put their name on it and take the slings and arrows that come with it.

There is no “bad publicity” in getting a room no one but other rich people will visit in a think tank headquarters named after you, but there’s also no difference to be made there. Wealthy conservatives have to step up now, if they really want to have a legacy that matters, and take the fight to the left on the only field that matters – the public square.

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Jesus, have mercy on your soul...

Paris Climate Treaty Puts America Last (2020-11-24 13:47)

Here we are in the midst of the second wave of a once-in-a-half-century pandemic, with the economy flattened and millions of Americans unemployed and race riots in the streets of our major cities. And Joe Biden says that one of his highest priorities as president will be to ... reenter the Paris Climate Accord.

Trump kept his America First promise and pulled America out of this Obama-era treaty. Biden wants us back in – immediately.

Why? Paris is an unmitigated failure. You don’t have to take my word for it. National Geographic, a supporter of climate change action, recently ran the numbers and admits in its recent headline: “Most Countries Aren’t Hitting 2030 Climate Goals.” That’s putting it mildly. Most haven’t even reached half their pledged target for emission reductions.

Robert Watson, the former chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, laments: “Countries need to double and triple their 2030 reduction commitments to be aligned with the Paris target.”

Gee, this sounds like a treaty we definitely should be part of and pay the bills for.

The one country making substantial progress in reducing carbon emissions is the U.S. under President Donald Trump. Even though our gross domestic product is way up over the past four years, our carbon dioxide emissions are DOWN. Our air pollution levels and emissions of lead, carbon monoxide and other pollutants are at record-low levels.

Meanwhile, Beijing is far and away the largest polluter. Year after year, it makes hollow promises to stop climate change while they build dozens of new coal plants. India and its 1 billion people are hooked on coal, too.

Here is Paris in nutshell: We put our coal miners out of their jobs and cripple our \$1 trillion oil and gas industry while China and India keep polluting and laugh at us behind our back.

These nations have bigger and more immediate development priorities than worrying about climate change models and their guestimates of the global temperature in 50 years.

China has much deeper and sinister ambitions. Those don't involve cleaning up the planet. The communists in Beijing's are obsessed with seizing world superpower status away from the U.S. The China 2025 plan for technology domination doesn't involve switching to expensive and unreliable energy sources. Their plan is to goad the U.S. into doing that.

The tragedy of all this is that we have a clean and efficient source of energy. Thanks to the shale oil and gas revolution, the cost of fossil fuels has fallen by 70 % to 80 % – and the costs will continue to fall, thanks to the superabundance of these energy sources. The U.S. has more fossil fuel energy than virtually any other nation. We are technologically ahead of the rest of the world in drilling productivity and have become a net exporter.

Gas is the planet's wonder-fuel. It should be the 21st-century power source. It makes no sense economically or ecologically to switch to windmills and solar panels, unless you are an investor in these expensive 19th-century energy sources.

Across the globe, world leaders are overjoyed that under a Biden administration, the U.S. will reenter the Paris Accord. Why wouldn't they be? We pay the bills. We hang our booming free market economy on a cross of climate change regulation. We pretend that the world is complying – when their actions speak much louder than their words. We trust, but we don't verify.

If Paris is one of Biden's first official acts as president, he will be announcing to the world that putting America First has been replaced with putting America Last.

When It Comes to Election Fraud, It's 'Hear No Evil, See No Evil, Speak No Evil' (2020-11-24 13:49)

With each passing day, our country's journalistic and political elite grows more and more contemptuous of claims by President Trump that widespread fraud and irregularities in this year's election call into question the legitimacy of Joe Biden's "win." The line that "no evidence" exists to support such claims has become sacred dogma to all those who pined for so long to witness Donald Trump's abasement, and who now refuse to admit that the glorious victory they have won could be marred by even the tiniest of flaws. It simply can't be, because the consequences of a bogus election are, for them, too horrible to contemplate.

This article, however, is not about the mountain of evidence that is accumulating to support the presence of fraud and malfeasance in this year's election. There is statistical evidence, there are witness statements, and there is the obvious fact of "relaxed" requirements for mail-in ballots, which just happened to favor Joe Biden.

But that isn't the question that interests me today. What I wonder, instead, is: assuming there was electoral hanky-panky in 2020, and assuming that, somewhere out there, conclusive evidence to prove it exists, the question is whether Democrats and Trump haters would even care. Would their devotion to Democratic norms and electoral integrity override their animus for all things Trump, and would they therefore concede defeat graciously, or would they instead dig in their heels, close their eyes and ears to the testimony of those who witnessed or participated in such fraud, and assert, against all reason, that Biden won, Biden won, Biden won, and — oh, by the way — BIDEN WON!!!

We all intuitively know the answer. For the Left, and for the political, cultural, and economic establishment in this country, absolutely nothing matters — nothing — more than the destruction of Donald Trump and his movement. That is why absolutely no anti-Trump narrative has been ruled out of bounds, or has even been subjected to critical analysis by Trump haters since the man descended the golden escalator in 2015. Even maligning the sitting President of the United States as a traitor, as a tool of a foreign enemy, based on the “evidence” supplied to a rival political campaign by a paid informant, is considered entirely defensible in this alternative universe where norms and values are turned on their heads.

The most depressing thing about this situation, though, is that, while we conservative patriots long ago wrote off most Democrats in Washington, D.C. as pathological Trump haters — as people who would not give President Trump the benefit of the doubt even if their lives depended on it (which, in a sense, they do, since he’s the Commander-in-Chief) — the truth is that most establishment Republicans loathe the man almost as much as their liberal colleagues. As Carl Bernstein indicated recently, many GOP grandees only feign respect for Trump, because of their fear of offending rank-and-file Republicans. In reality, they despise this boorish lout, this unrepentant sexist and racist, as they see him, almost as much as a rabid Antifa street brawler would. Unlike the street brawler, however, prominent Republicans know when and how to keep their mouths shut.

If there was cheating and fraud in our recent election, therefore, the truth is that most of the establishment surely doesn’t want to know about it, and, if the strongest possible evidence arose to that effect, they would disclaim and disavow it. To prevail in the present struggle, therefore, President Trump might not need Democratic support, but he certainly would need federal judges and justices appointed by Republicans to stand with him. He would need Republican state legislators to stand with him. He would need the Republican caucus in the House and the Senate to stand with him. And none of these worthless, needless to say, so far show any inclination to rally to the “lost cause” of “four more years.” Most, in fact, view President Trump as they always have: as a joke and a political liability, at best, and as a walking travesty, at worst. They view Joe Biden, by contrast, as a harmless, even likable, known quantity. They furthermore look forward to a “return to normalcy” in the GOP, to a time when the news cycle won’t be dominated by President Trump’s intemperate tweets, and by their own moral and verbal contortions in trying to explain them away.

In short, President Trump’s “allies” in Washington have always been fair weather friends. They embraced him temporarily and strategically when the political winds seemed to be blowing in his favor. They stuck with him in trying times, as when he was impeached, reluctantly, because Republican voters demanded it. Now, though, that he has seemingly been defeated and disgraced once and for all, they are ready — eager, in fact — to cut ties with him and move on. We should hardly be surprised at that.

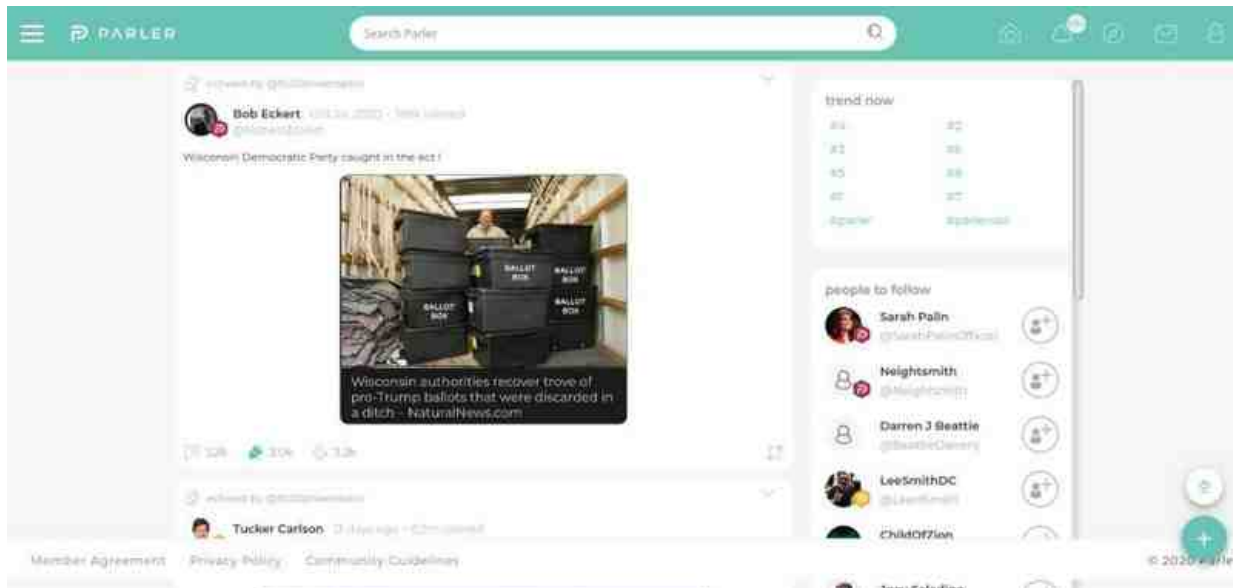
The reality, therefore, is that, if President Trump is to prevail in this fight over the integrity of the 2020 election, if he is to serve another four-year term, it won’t be because the courts, or the state legislatures, or Congress, swoop in to save him. Trump’s salvation lies, as it always has, with the one and only force in this country that has consistently stood by him: the American people (or at least a very large fraction thereof). Only they — only we — by an act of sheer will and by a show of our steadfast devotion, could possibly persuade the necessary political forces to fall into line. And even that may be a forlorn hope.

The Age of Trump, then, may end where it began: with Trump and ordinary, humble citizens on one side of a political-cultural battlefield, and with “our betters,” the elitists, on the other.

That, at least, is the kind of battle that Trump is accustomed to fighting — and the kind that, much more often than one would have thought possible, he actually wins.

Facebook removes pro-Republican posts (2020-11-26 21:05)

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Facebook removed my post of this picture. Harmless really.

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Wisconsin Unemployment Agency Delivering Unhappy Holidays (2020-11-30 22:02)

MADISON — As the holidays approach, thousands of Wisconsinites are still waiting for their Unemployment Insurance benefits to come through months after they first applied.

Now, Gov. Tony Evers' interim Department of Workforce Development secretary is saying she hopes to have much of the unemployment backlog cleared by the New Year.

The new goal, after the last disgraced DWD chief said the mountain of claims would be settled by last month, isn't much consolation for claimants who have been waiting since July. Like Shelli Wodsedalek.

The Manitowoc tax professional this week posted on the Wisconsin Unemployment Facebook page that her frustration is growing.

"In my 25+ years of employment, this is my first time filing for UI. I was laid off in July, I followed all the rules (I even took the time to read EVERYTHING), and yet I've been in adjudication because I was unavailable for my very (as in 8 hours/month) part-time job the last week in June because I was working nearly 60-hours that week at my regular job," she wrote.

"This is crazy. Nearly 3 decades of employers paying in to UI on my behalf, and I can't seem to even get one penny from it. I hate this," Wodsedalek added.

Amy Pechacek was left with the Unemployment Insurance mess when Evers asked DWD Secretary Caleb Frostman to step down in October. During Frostman's brief tenure, the agency was buried under a backlog of unemployment

claims in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak in March and Evers' statewide lockdown. DWD repeatedly failed to even answer the incoming calls from frustrated claimants, let alone settle claims in anywhere near a timely fashion.

Wisconsin Spotlight has detailed the heartbreaking stories of Wisconsinites forced to wait four, five, six months and longer to get paid.

The delays continue.

While DWD reports 93.7 percent of the 8.2 million-plus weekly jobless claims that have come in since mid March have been processed, more than 70,000 claimants are awaiting resolution. Most of those are trapped in the morass of adjudication, where claims are approved or denied.

A state audit in late September underscored the dysfunction inside DWD's Unemployment Insurance division.

Among the alarming findings by the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau, 93.3 percent of the 41.1 million phone calls made to DWD's call centers during this year's flood of unemployment claims were blocked or received busy signals. That's 38.3 million unanswered calls between March 15 and June 30, the height of Unemployment Insurance applications following Evers' COVID-19 state-wide lockdown that cost hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites their jobs.

Some 6.2 percent of the calls were abandoned by claimants calling into the DWD, according to the audit. So only 0.5 percent of calls were ultimately answered.

Pechacek this week told the Wisconsin State Journal DWD's partnership with Google will help remove 103,000 holds on backlogged claims and bring relief to 21,000 people waiting for state Unemployment Insurance. Another 50,000 claimants will receive updates to their filings as the claims move toward resolution, the news outlet reported.

The agency's partnership with Google Cloud, launched in October, is expected provide expedited review of UI and federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims to assist in processing claim payment determinations, according to the agency.

State Sen. Andre Jacque (R-De Pere) said he's pleased to see the use of technology to assist in the backlog, but he wants to see results.

"Goals don't mean a whole lot unless they happen," said Jacque, chairman of the Senate Committee on Local Government, Small Business, Tourism and Workforce Development.

He noted that Wisconsin was the last in the nation to start paying out federally funded unemployment benefits, a problem that exposed DWD's failure to prepare.

While Evers has blamed the Republican-controlled Legislature for not providing funding to upgrade the Unemployment Insurance division's integrated technology, the governor sought no funding for a system revamp in his first budget, and DWD did not note the need in its latest budget request.

"Wisconsin was not uniquely situated in terms of IT programming," Jacque said. "It's clear that it was not just a function of the IT system, it was a problem with leadership and direction in the department and in the governor's office."

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Chinese Sociologist Celebrates Wuhan Coronavirus and the 'Death of America' (2020-12-02 15:50)

During a recent speech at the 2020 Shenzhen Forum, famous Chinese sociologist Dr. Li Yi celebrated Wuhan coronavirus and said the disease has been beneficial to China by destroying the United States of America.

"It turns out China is going to overtake the United States in 2027. It was said this may be delayed for a year or two, but this year, God pulled off a little trick, right? God created COVID-19 and spread it to every country in the world. The COVID-19 pandemic is like a test for all of the countries in the world. This test is biased though. COVID-19 is bad for Europe and America, but it is beneficial for North Korea and China."

"In the global economy, China stands out," he continued, noting China is rapidly expanding its military. "The U.S. will not survive...as long as we go to work everyday, we will drive the U.S. to its death."

Chinese Sociologist Dr. Li Yi: We Are Driving America to Its Death; COVID-19 Has Been Beneficial for China, North Korea; There Will Be No U.S.-China War, But We Will Take Over Taiwan [1]pic.twitter.com/UpA39qQdnJ— MEMRI (@MEMRIReports) [2]November 30, 2020

Yi falsely claimed China has suffered only 4000 deaths from the virus. Body cremation rates and cell phone bills show Chinese deaths from the disease are [3]exponentially higher. On top of manipulating case and death numbers, we've known for months China covered up its role in the spread of the disease and had help doing so from the [4]World Health Organization.

"Health officials in Taipei said they alerted the [5]@WHO at the end of Dec. about the risk of human-to-human transmission of the new virus but said its concerns were not passed on..."

Jan 14th: WHO: "Chinese authorities have found no clear evidence of human-to-human transmission" [6]<https://t.co/8qQ8en7dK5> [7]pic.twitter.com/JMeLc4yI7M— Jeryl Bier (@JerylBier) [8]March 20, 2020

While the Trump White House and many conservative news outlets were calling this the Wuhan virus or the China virus, mainstream "reporters" in the White House briefing room were crying racism and asking unserious gotcha questions instead of focusing solely on the disease [9]<https://t.co/8likR2uMUL>— Katie Pavlich (@KatiePavlich) [10]December 1, 2020

The majority of Americans believe China should be[11] held accountable for their actions.

More voters than ever consider China an enemy and think the Asian giant should pick up the tab for at least some of the global costs of the coronavirus.

The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone and online survey finds that 60 % of Likely U.S. Voters now think China should pay at least some of the financial costs that have resulted from the global transmission of the coronavirus which originated in a Chinese city. That's up from 42 % when Rasmussen Reports first asked this question in mid-March and 53 % in late July. Only 24 % believe China should not be made to pay some of these costs, while 16 % are undecided.

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Trump Won His Other Campaign – to Destroy Media Credibility (2020-12-03 16:20)

Convinced that President Donald Trump lost his bid for reelection, the media suddenly became less hysterical. Just like that, the media, at least to some degree, rediscovered concepts such as fairness and perspective, AWOL the last four years.

Two weeks after the election, New York Times Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Nicholas Kristof haltingly, grudgingly and reluctantly, admitted that yes, Trump was right. Banning in-person school education to fight COVID-19 was and is bad policy. Kristof wrote: "Some things are true even though President Trump says them. Trump has been demanding for months that schools reopen, and on that he seems to have been largely right. Schools, especially elementary schools, do not appear to have been major sources of coronavirus transmission, and remote learning is proving to be a catastrophe for many low-income children." Kristof, of course, could not acknowledge Trump's correct judgement without the "some things are true even though Trump says them" snark. But remember, this is The New York Times, a paper that has not endorsed a Republican for president since 1956. Little steps.

Kristof even took a Trump-like swipe at Democratic-run cities. And, whether inadvertently or not, he made the case for K-12 vouchers for inner city kids: "So Democrats helped preside over school closures that have devastated millions of families and damaged children's futures. Cities such as Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., have closed schools while allowing restaurants to operate. ... School closures magnify these inequities, as many private schools remain open and affluent parents are better able to help kids adjust to remote learning. At the same time, low-income children fall even further behind."

The New York Times again, after the media awarded the election to former Vice President Joe Biden, even questioned the science behind a ban on outdoor dining, like most counties in California recently enacted. In "Small Gatherings Spread the Virus, but Are They Causing the Surge?" the Times wrote:

"But are dinners and backyard barbecues really the engine driving the current surge of infections? The available data do not support that contention, scientists say. Still, the idea has been repeated so often it has become conventional wisdom, leading to significant restrictions in many states. ...

"But many epidemiologists are far less certain, saying there is little evidence to suggest that household gatherings were the source of the majority of infections since the summer. Indeed, it has become much harder to pinpoint any source of any outbreak, now that the virus is so widespread and Americans may be exposed in so many ways. ...

"A constant drumbeat about the dangers of social gatherings may help to convey the seriousness of the current surge, (Harvard University infectious disease epidemiologist Julia Marcus) said. On the other hand, in some states the misperception has led to draconian policies that don't square with science."

Goodness! If Pulitzer gave a prize for "Fair and Balanced Coronavirus Stories in the Post-Trump Era," The New York Times might actually deserve this one.

Former Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein shared the mood of much of the Trump-hating left when he accused Trump of "homicidal negligence" in his handling of the coronavirus. But Dr. Anthony Fauci, post-election, also sounds Trumpian. On the possibility of further lockdowns, Fauci recently said: "There is no appetite for locking down in the American public, but I believe that we can do it without a lockdown. I really do. ... You could still get businesses going. You could still have economic forward thinking while you're doing that. You don't necessarily have to shut everything down. Hopefully we won't have to do that."

No "appetite" for another lockdown? What happened to "follow the science"? This is yet another tacit admission that, as Trump insisted, we must consider the unintended consequences of shutting down the economy, including increased rates of suicide, depression, homicide, drug abuse, alcoholism and domestic violence.

Finally, did serial Trump CNN critic, Jake Tapper *praise*, literally *praise and credit* Trump for the speed with which drug manufacturers have apparently developed vaccines for COVID-19? Yes, he did. Tapper said: "We should take a moment, as we always have when discussing vaccine and Operation Warp Speed, that this is – you know, putting aside all of the failures of the Trump administration when it comes to the coronavirus, and there are lots – this is an unmitigated success and we should acknowledge that."

For four years, major media, along with their Democratic comrades, banded together to bring down Trump. They appear to have succeeded. But as to Trump's campaign to expose the media's blatant, often vicious anti-Republican bias so that much of America will never again trust it, Trump won. Huge.

The Propaganda of Fear (2020-12-03 16:26)

We have become a nation governed not by truth, vision, science or even majority vote – but by fear.

Fear in social interaction.

Fear in the media.

Fear in politics.

Social media has become a tool for screaming at, shaming and, in extreme cases, silencing all views with which certain preferred groups disagree.

Take the transgender movement as one example.

I will go out on a limb and suggest that the majority of Americans do not believe it is possible for a biological male to become a woman, or vice versa, notwithstanding a legal change of name, rewriting a birth certificate, taking medications or even undergoing surgeries to remove or restructure body parts. That's not to say that most people *care* whether or not anyone else chooses to do those things, only that they do not necessarily accept as truth the conclusion that they are told follows those acts. But most prefer to remain silent about their views, rather than invoke the outrage of the social media mobs (as author J.K. Rowling has discovered).

That said, when authors, social scientists and medical experts want to study the physical, psychological, behavioral or sociological implications of this relatively recent phenomenon, the attack of the outrage mobs is not just disturbing; it is dangerous. Physicians' credentials are put at risk. Scholars have seen their scholarly research denounced or denied publication or denounced thereafter. Authors' books are pulled from shelves. The truth – whatever it may be – is not just irrelevant; it is forbidden, because a small segment of the population has declared that anyone who will not validate its worldview is guilty of "hate," "bigotry" and "transphobia."

That is not science. It is propaganda of fear.

Nor is it science when physicians, pharmacologists and epidemiologists across the country are slammed as kooks, quacks or political hacks for daring to suggest COVID-19 treatment methodologies that differ from the pronouncements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Politically, we find ourselves in the middle of a post-presidential-election cataclysm, and a climate so thick with fear you can smell it.

As each day goes by, there is more and more evidence that fraudulent and unlawful actions were deliberately taken in multiple swing states (Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Georgia) to suppress, destroy or switch votes for President Donald Trump; and to confect, import, create or artificially multiply votes for Joe Biden. These allegations

include steps taken to deny legal poll watchers – at least Republican poll watchers – access to the vote-counting process in Detroit, Milwaukee, Atlanta and Philadelphia.

Hearings have taken place in several of these states, and hundreds of eyewitnesses and voters have come forward to state under oath – in person or via affidavit – things they saw or that happened to them, all of which strongly suggest fraud.

With each new allegation, our leaders – politicians and law enforcement – are terrified. You can see it on the faces and hear it in the voices of the legislators who are listening to statement after statement after statement of witnesses and experts: *Oh, God. At this rate, we're going to be expected to do something.*

And they don't want to do *anything*, not because they're all on the take (although it's possible that some are) but because real leadership takes courage, especially when that means standing up to the mobs and the media.

While we're talking about mobs, let's be honest about some other relevant recent events, shall we?

The Democratic mayors and governors did not allow the looting and burning and vandalism and destruction during all of summer and fall because they "stand in solidarity" with the "protesters." They allowed it to happen because they are *afraid* of them.

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee were – and continue to be – afraid of the mobs that took over blocks of downtown Seattle and declared it an "autonomous zone."

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown have let antifa and other violent groups run roughshod over the citizens of Portland because they are afraid to confront those groups. Even Wheeler's abasement of the mobs did not protect him from attacks on his own condo building that forced him to move.

The mayors of Kenosha, Wisconsin; Atlanta; Chicago; and Minneapolis let throngs of rioters burn and destroy *because they are afraid of them.*

By contrast, look at whom these politicians *do* enforce the laws against.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo goes after the Jews but does nothing about the rioters because he is afraid of the rioters but not of the Jews. Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot praises huge crowds of protesters but would not call out the police to protect the owners of Michigan Avenue shops when thieves arrived to smash, steal and destroy. Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer shuts down bars and restaurants and barber shops because she is not afraid of restaurant owners or barbers.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and San Francisco Mayor London Breed violate the mask laws they impose on everyone else. Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock paid no attention to the travel bans they insisted other citizens had to follow.

And now, with elections clearly capable of having been rigged, these same hypocritical politicians don't even have to be afraid of being voted out of office. Masked, muted, shamed, silenced, emasculated and disenfranchised, the overwhelming majority of Americans are being left with nothing – no business, no voice, no vote.

No doubt, those playing this game applaud themselves for their win-at-any-cost tactics. This is dangerously childlike thinking, characteristic of a country that has come to worship youth and pooh-pooh impulse control: "I want what I want right now, and I don't care what the future holds."

They'd better start caring, and fast.

When a country abandons truth, the only winners are the biggest liars. When it abandons basic justice – the protection of private property, the rule of law and the integrity of elections – then the only way to get what you want, whether it's stereotypes or political power, is to steal it. And when a country's politicians are cowed by fear rather than motivated by principle, those who win will instill the most fear.

This is a dangerous prospect indeed.

Trump Pulls Most US Troops Out of Somalia (2020-12-05 11:36)

President Trump ordered a majority of U.S. troops to withdraw from Somalia by early next year, the Pentagon said Friday.

"The U.S. is not withdrawing or disengaging from Africa. We remain committed to our African partners and enduring support through a whole-of-government approach," the Department of Defense said.

There are approximately 700 troops in the country to assist with the fight against terror group al-Shabaab.

"While a change in force posture, this action is not a change in U.S. policy. We will continue to degrade violent extremist organizations that could threaten our homeland while ensuring we maintain our strategic advantage in great power competition," the DoD statement continued.

The Pentagon said some of the forces will be relocated to neighboring countries, like [1]Kenya, "to allow cross-border operations by both U.S. and partner forces to maintain pressure against violent extremist organizations operating in Somalia" while others could be reassigned outside of East Africa.

"The U.S. will retain the capability to conduct targeted counterterrorism operations in Somalia, and collect early warnings and indicators regarding threats to the homeland," the Pentagon said.

The move comes after Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller announced last month the U.S. would be scaling down troops levels to 2,500 in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

"This decision by the president is based on continuous engagement with his national security cabinet over the past several months, including ongoing discussions with me and my colleagues across the United States government," Miller said. "I have also spoken with our military commanders and we all will execute this repositioning in a way that protects our fighting men and women, our partners in the intelligence community and diplomatic corps, and our superb allies that are critical to rebuilding Afghan and Iraqi security capabilities and civil society for a lasting peace in troubled lands."

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